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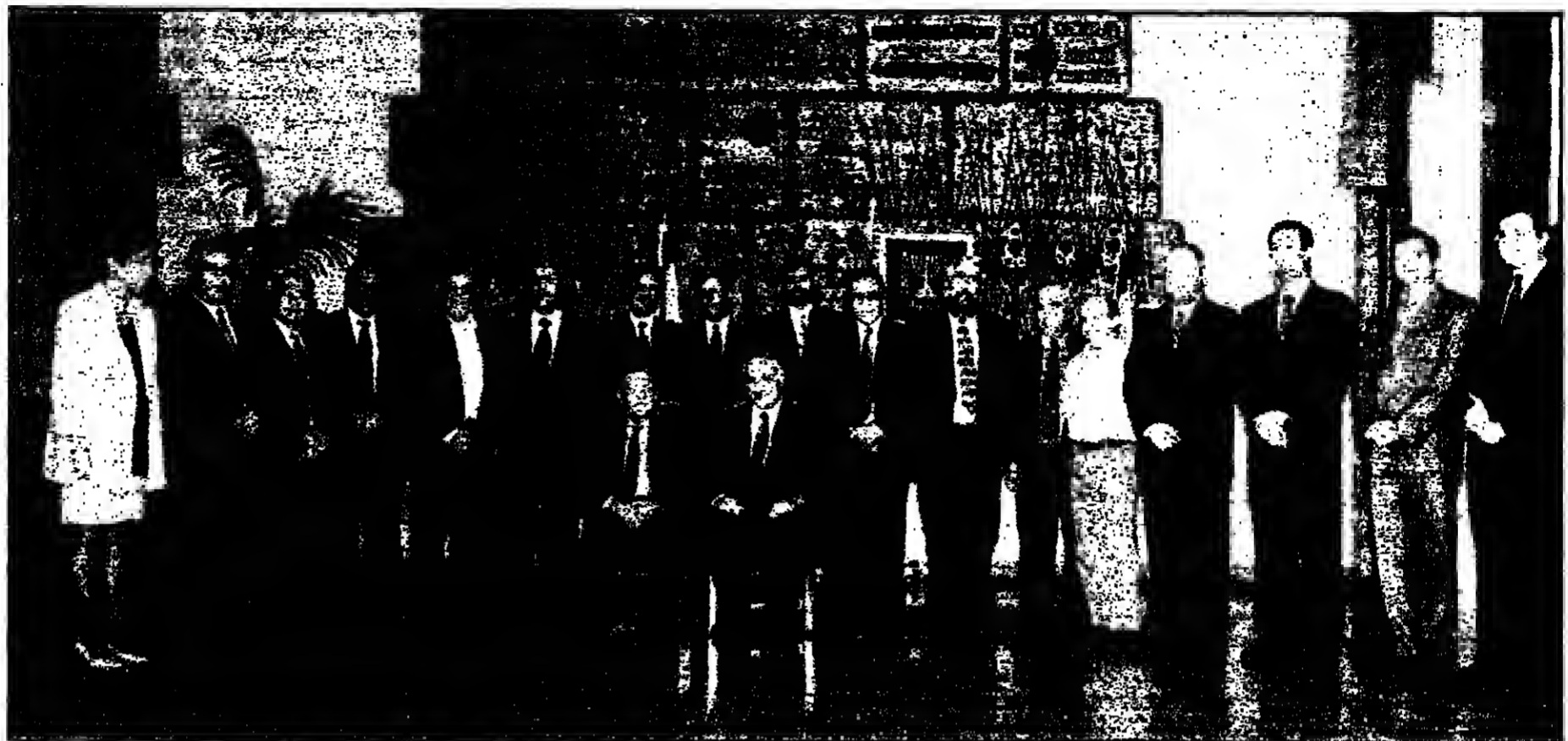
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Netanyahu's new government sworn in

LIAT COLLINS

THE government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was endorsed by the Knesset last night by a vote of 62 to 50, in probably the strangest transition ceremony the Knesset has ever seen.

Peres and his fellow former ministers left their seats to move to the opposition's side of the plenum. The voting was done by raised hands, since the electronic voting system had not yet been adjusted to the new names and places.



President Ezer Weizman receives Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his cabinet last night at Beit Hanassi. (Isaac Harari)

nearly all those in the full plenum and visitors' gallery checked that they had heard properly.

had focused on whether Ariel Sharon and Dan Meridor would be offered acceptable portfolios.

bombshell as he calmly read out his address before announcing the cabinet.

take the country towards realizing its goals in the 21st century."

just for tomorrow's newspaper," he said.

The cabinet

- FOLLOWING is the Netanyahu cabinet: 1. Prime Minister, Construction and Housing Minister, Religious Affairs Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (Likud) David Levy (Gesher)

Is Ariel Sharon in or out?

SARAH HONG

AS of midnight last night, it was still not clear whether MK Ariel Sharon had accepted the notion of becoming minister of national infrastructure—a new creation custom-tailored for him by Foreign Minister David Levy.

would create inside the Likud. Early yesterday, sources close to Netanyahu suggested that if Sharon wanted to be in the government, he should lobby for the Housing portfolio with the UTJ, to which it had been handed instead of Sharon.

Pulling his own brinkmanship stunt, Netanyahu presented a government without Levy. Meanwhile, hectic contacts were under way to make Sharon's co-optation to the government possible after all.

He said he made "sure that this would not be a ministry in name only, but that a substantive portfolio would be carved from spheres of influence that would be gathered from several other ministries to enable Arik to put his boundless energy to constructive use.

You'll also walk with Arafat, Peres tells Netanyahu

LIAT COLLINS

"I'M not ashamed of having gone with [Yasser] Arafat. You'll also go with Arafat if you walk on the road to peace," former prime minister Shimon Peres told Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday from the Knesset rostrum.

quickly discover that the platform on which he was elected cannot serve as the right recipe for the successful progress of the peace process.

Peres: I'll continue to lead Labor

LIAT COLLINS

Former prime minister Shimon Peres told the Labor faction yesterday he intends to continue leading the party, and called on party members to refrain from blaming each other for the election failure.

dividing it on non-political lines. He said the system had given more power to the smaller parties while weakening the major parties.

retorical process," he said. "It's a process of controversial decision making. I don't think that by a making a few speeches you can make a peace process.

Clinton: Assad is brilliant, but he may have lost his chance to get back the Golan

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad is brilliant, but he may have miscalculated and lost his chance to recover the Golan Heights. This assessment came from US President Bill Clinton in a private White House meeting of a half dozen or so business and civic leaders on Monday.

stranger to me. I am sure sure we will get along with him just fine. He can't pretend what happened during the last three and a half years [in the peace process] did not happen, although he may have different approaches."

Israel's new government. I said to him, "Let's not get too much out in front of Mr. Netanyahu by prejudging him..."

Among those at the White House meeting, which is part of Clinton's periodic dialogue with people across the societal spectrum, were attorneys Lynn Culler, David Ross, and Marvin Rosen, businessmen Bill Appelbaum, John Hymen, and Michael Segal, fashion designer Kenneth Cole, and Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center.

UN ends arms embargo on former Yugoslavia

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

THE international arms embargo against the states of former Yugoslavia has been lifted, the president of the UN Security Council said last night.

million communication system from an unspecified Israeli defense company once the embargo was lifted.

slavia. It has not been involved in the Bosnian, Serb, and Croatian conflicts, and has joined NATO's Partnership for Peace.

The Muslim-led government in Bosnia, which declared independence in 1992, had long complained the embargo denied it the right to defend itself against Bosnian Serbs, who received weapons surreptitiously from Serbia.



# High Court to hear petition against Ne'eman

THE High Court of Justice will today hear a petition against the appointment of attorney Ya'acov Ne'eman as justice minister.

The petition, filed yesterday by *Globes* journalist Yoav Yitzhak, alleges that Ne'eman committed a variety of criminal acts, and is therefore not fit to be a minister.

However, none of the affairs mentioned in the petition ever resulted in an indictment, or even in a criminal investigation.

According to Israel Radio, Ne'eman responded to the petition by lashing out at the State Attorney's Office, charging it with leaking information to the press to prevent the appointment of an observant Jew as justice minister.

However, five of the six affairs cited in the petition have been public knowledge for years. The sixth is related to a document submitted in the ongoing trial of Shas leader Aryeh Deri two days ago, but the timing appears to have been purely coincidental. The witness to whom the document relates is testifying in London, and the date for his testimony was set long before Ne'eman's appointment was even rumored.

The incidents cited by Yitzhak are as follows: The Bejski Commission found that Ne'eman was partially responsible for the 1983 bank shares collapse, having served as director-general of the Finance Ministry from 1979-81. However, the committee's only

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recommendation against him was that had he still been in his post, he should have been fired. No criminal charges were brought against him.

After the bus No. 300 affair, in which the General Security Service killed two captured terrorists and then lied about it, Ne'eman helped arranged blanket pardons for those responsible before they were indicted. His actions were sharply criticized by jurists at the time, but again, no criminal complaint was filed against him.

In 1987, Ne'eman served as temporary liquidator of the Kochav Hashomron company. According to Yitzhak, he prepared a draft report in which he said four managers appeared to have stolen \$5.3 million from the company. Under threat of this report, the managers paid \$3 million to the company, out of which Ne'eman's \$803,000 fee was paid.

Afterwards, Ne'eman submitted a final report which cleared the managers of all blame. Yitzhak charged that either Ne'eman wrote a false draft to pressure the managers into paying, or he wrote a false final report to reward them for enabling him to collect his fee. There has never been a criminal investigation into the affair.

Ne'eman and Dov Weisglass represented former Bank Mizrahi managing director Aharon Meir in a slander suit against Yitzhak. The

suit ended in what Yitzhak claims was a fraudulent arbitration agreement. On the basis of this agreement, Ne'eman and Weisglass obtained a refund of the NIS 25,000 court fee. In 1994, the High Court upheld Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision not to open criminal proceedings for fraud against Ne'eman and Weisglass.

Ne'eman was involved in the liquidation proceedings against Avraham Shapira's Carmel Carpets company as attorney for one of the creditors. According to Yitzhak, questions arose as to whether the supposed creditor, MAT Investment Corp., was not just a front for Shapira.

Another theory allegedly considered by the liquidators was that MAT was legitimate, but that Ne'eman, in a clear conflict of interest, had represented MAT and Shapira simultaneously.

The petition also charged that Ne'eman had refused to answer the liquidators' questions until threatened with a court summons. To date, however, the liquidators have not requested the opening of a criminal investigation against Ne'eman.

According to a police memorandum submitted in the Deri trial on Monday, British witness Martin Brown told the police that Ne'eman had told him not to cooperate with them. Ne'eman denies this, and Brown has refused to confirm the police statement.



Shimon Peres addresses the Knesset yesterday in his final speech as prime minister.

# Likud MKs upset at choice of Ovadia Eli as Speaker

LIAT COLLINS

EVEN though Binyamin Netanyahu won the elections, the Likud MKs at yesterday's faction meeting looked miserable, and when faction chairman Moshe Katsav told them Netanyahu had asked to postpone the vote on electing a new Speaker, many vented their obvious anger on the messenger.

Pini Barash, Meir Sheerit, Yehoshua Matza, and David Magen all attacked at once, demanding to know the reason for the delay. Katsav refused to respond in the presence of journalists, but the furor apparently stemmed from the fact that Netanyahu is trying to pass the Norwegian Law obliging ministers to resign as MKs. This would allow his preferred candidate, Ovadia Eli, to come into the Knesset to assume the post. It was decided to postpone the vote until Monday. Dan Tichon has reportedly withdrawn his

candidacy to protest the coalition-building process as handled by Netanyahu. Naomi Blumenthal is gathering more outside support, while Elihu Ben-Elissar said he would wait and see what happens.

While the Likud MKs anxiously vied for the Speaker's chair, the temporary holder of the post tried to get out of it. According to tradition, the oldest MK holds the post of Speaker until a new one is appointed. Shimon Peres, at 72, is the oldest MK, followed by Be'aravim Ze'evi. As long as he was prime minister, Peres could not be Speaker, but as soon as the new government is endorsed, he has no valid reason for breaking the tradition. Although he is reportedly trying to find a way

around it and is reluctant to serve as Speaker even temporarily.

Labor MKs are interested in Peres or another member of their party, holding Speaker's seat as long as possible, as it could post be seriously hampered by the passage of the Norwegian Law and other legislation in the coalition proposes. This is another reason why Likud MKs are anxious to make the appointment from among their rolls and not wait for the possible addition of Eli.

Likud MKs are also worried about who will chair the prestigious Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. Ze'ev Begin was mooted for the post, as was Uzi Landau. Landau said he would defer to Begin and not run against him. However, once Begin accepted a ministerial post, the field was open. Ben-Elissar is also interested in the position.

# Vilna'i: IDF may not be prepared for conventional war with Syria

DOUGLAS DAVIS LONDON

DEPUTY Chief of Staff Matan Vilna'i has expressed concern about the lack of training by Israeli combat troops for a possible conventional war with Syria.

In an interview to be published today in the London-based *Jane's Defence Weekly*, Vilna'i noted that while the emphasis in IDF planning was moving toward anti-terrorism and "over-the-horizon" operations, the danger of a conventional war with Syria could not be discounted.

"The Syrian Army has some special forces in Lebanon and some bridges on the Golan Heights border," he said. "Except for these units, all of their army is sitting in their barracks and training all the time."

"My concern is that at the same time, most IDF combat troops spend less time training for conventional war, being occupied with anti-terrorist and other duties as they are."

Israel, he said, "must be ready to fight the next major conventional war," adding that the absence of a

peace agreement with Syria meant that "we need to maintain and modernize our armored formations, our jets and our navy."

Vilna'i pointed out that in addition to the threat of terrorism and the possibility of a conventional war with Syria, Israel was also preparing for the potential threat posed by Iran and Libya, which had acquired weapons of mass destruction.

"We have to be able to counter those as well," he said. "That requires oew, over-the-horizon capabilities."

Vilna'i, according to *Jane's*, was referring to the 25 F-15I long-range strike aircraft which Israel will receive next year, as well as its Dolphin-class submarines and Eilat-class missile corvettes, which could be deployed off the Libyan coast, if necessary.

"The big difficulty in having to plan for these three operational environments is that quite often a

decision which is very good for the fight against terrorism will be bad for the other requirements," said Vilna'i.

"So, when we spend \$2 billion on the F-15s, we also have to take into account what's needed elsewhere. You need the new Merkava tank to fight the next war, and other equipment to prevent terrorism attacks."

"The trouble is that a half-solution is not good. You must have the full answer for each environment."

Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivri acknowledged that Israel maintains "a number" of Jericho ballistic missiles, but declined to provide details about this capacity. "As long as there is no complete peace," he said, "we should still keep some of our capabilities unexposed."

According to a recent issue of *Jane's World Air Force*, however, Israel has three Jericho-equipped missile squadrons based near Sderot Micba, 45 kilometers southeast of Tel Aviv.

# US calls Netanyahu statements 'positive'

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's call to hold negotiations with Arab partners without preconditions is "an important statement," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said yesterday.

"Mr. Netanyahu has said he's interested in negotiations. That's positive. He's said that those negotiations would not have preconditions attached to them. That's also positive."

Burns said the administration congratulates Netanyahu on forming his government, adding that it represents "a very impor-

tant step forward, a very good indication of the health of Israel's democracy."

"He has made an important statement in the Knesset [Tuesday] morning, which was also reflected in a position paper put out two days ago by his government, by his coalition, and that is that there will be no preconditions for talks. That's a very important statement," he told reporters.

Burns said Netanyahu's platform does not deal a "fatal blow" to the peace process.

"Now, I think we have to understand where he's been. He was elected. He's gone through a transitional period. He's now just taking office... And it's really now up to Israel, to the Palestinian Authority, to Jordan, to Egypt, to Syria and the others to talk to each other about the positions that each of them will take on these various

aspects of the negotiations."

Burns again urged the Arab League, which will meet in Cairo this Friday to discuss Netanyahu's ascension, to demonstrate "a willingness... to work on a cooperative basis with the new government in Israel, not to pre-judge that government on what was said or perhaps what was not said during the campaign."

Burns said the US, by virtue of its involvement in the peace process, has a right to state its position on Israeli settlements, which he said is "long-standing" and has not changed.

# Syria: Netanyahu bringing racists into cabinet

DAMASCUS (Reuters) - Syria lambasted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday for bringing "rabbits, racists and generals" bent on war in the Middle East into his new government.

Official Syrian newspapers said Netanyahu was killing Middle East peace.

"The new Israeli government is dominated by rabbis, racists, generals and those who massacred Arabs, displaced them and called for destroying the peace process in the region," said the *Tishreen* Arabic daily.

"Netanyahu's [policy] program starts with the title 'destruction of the basis of peace', then how to draw the region to tragedies, disasters, killings and

destruction, how to bury the Arab land rights and threaten their existence," added *Tishreen*.

"He wants to establish Greater Israel through settlements, more immigrants, terrorism and wars..."

Arabs leaders, set to hold a weekend summit in Cairo to discuss the impact of his election on Arab-Israeli peace, had the right to take any measures to protect their "existence and preserve their rights," wrote *al-Baath*, the newspaper of the ruling party.

"Arabs would make everybody understand that they are not an easy prey... the battle between Arabs and their enemies this time is a battle of self-determination and existence."

# PLO: Netanyahu trying to escape peace process

PLO officials yesterday rejected statements by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks as "an attempt to escape from the peace process."

Presenting his new government for approval in the Knesset, Netanyahu said: "The Israeli government will negotiate with the Palestinian Authority on the condition that it meets all its commitments."

The PLO officials noted that in referring to other Arab parties - Syria, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia - Netanyahu declared that Israel sought "negotiations without preconditions."

"We've fulfilled our commitments, why doesn't he fulfill his commitments?" said Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala), speaker of the Palestinian Council.

"These are just allegations to escape from the peace process," said Hassan Asfour, head of the PA's Negotiations Department. "Israel has nothing to demand."

Qreia said Israel had a long list of unfulfilled commitments, such as a "safe passageway" from Gaza to the West Bank, troop redeployment in Hebron, release of Palestinian prisoners, and expansion of self-rule zones in the West Bank.

(Reuters)

## MYRA KATZOFF 77

The funeral of MYRA KATZOFF 77 will take place today, June 19, at the Yarkon Cemetery, Tel Aviv, at 11 a.m. Please meet at the entrance. Deeply mourned by family and friends.

# SHARON

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tries and the railways. This would mean that the Energy portfolio given to the NRP's Yitzhak Levy along with Transportation would be usurped entirely, as would chunks of the Transportation portfolio.

Mild-mannered Yitzhak Levy said he had not been consulted or informed of any changes. The UTI's Meir Porush, who will be in charge of Housing as a deputy minister with exclusive ministerial control, however, balked openly, and said he would not yield the Public Works Department nor the Rural Development Division.

"Arik is too great a man to be demeaned with such paltry offerings," he insisted. "This is not good enough for him. He deserves much more. This is an insult to him."

Netanyahu insiders, however, argued last night that both the NRP and UTJ got far more than they could have hoped for, and that Netanyahu will not shrink from confronting them now. It was believed that they have no choice but to give in, and that Netanyahu has no choice but to get Sharon into his government or incur the unforgiving wrath of an

Fahd, and other Arab leaders. Let's have direct negotiations for peace, negotiations which will take the Middle East into an age of stability and prosperity. Direct negotiations without preconditions. That's the

key. No preconditions.

"We have no conflict with Islam, we have a struggle with the militant forces who use a warped interpretation of Islam as a tool for bloodshed," he continued, calling for deeper relations with Egypt, Jordan, and other Arab and non-Arab states which have diplomatic ties with Israel.

"Our relations with the US will continue to be a cornerstone of our foreign policy," he said. Netanyahu sent a message to the Palestinian Authority as well. "On the basis of preserving security we are willing to develop with you a true partnership for peace, good neighborhood relations, and cooperation."

He promised the IDF would be given freedom to operate against terror. "Anyone dealing with terror must know they will meet a heavy response. I don't mean just the terrorists themselves, but also their patrons, operators, and abettors."

Netanyahu said security is essential to make progress in the final arrangements and called on the Palestinian Authority to abide by all agreements.

"I believe the final arrangements will be sustainable if a balance is reached between two basic

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needs: minimal Israeli intervention in Palestinian lives and maximum security for Israel against terror and the threat of war."

"The lack of security is what causes closures, economic suffocation, and paralysis. With security we can create free movement, an open economy, and welfare for all."

Netanyahu also emphasized the need for a free economy and privatization as a means of improving social welfare at home and the continued absorption of immigrants.

"Without a free economy we cannot utilize the tremendous human potential we have, which received a valuable boost in quality and quantity with the immigration of recent years."

He also said the government would encourage settlement throughout Israel, Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. The plenum session was also marked by a dispute over how many deputy premiers Netanyahu can appoint.

After the Knesset session the cabinet members attended a reception at Beit Hanassi.

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# Sderot mayor: Find 'lenient' burial for child accident victim

SDEROT Mayor David Bouskila yesterday appealed to the chief rabbis to find a "lenient solution" to the issue of a toddler, killed in a traffic accident on Sunday, who was buried outside the local cemetery because he was not Jewish.

Nineteen-month-old Bahadana was killed when a car struck by a semitrailer crashed into his stroller. The car also seriously injured the child's five-year-old brother and lightly injured their mother.

Also killed in the crash were Perla Alkabetz, 60, and her neighbor, Esther Shetreet, 61, both of Sderot, and Esther Alkabetz, 64, and her brother, Shlomo Alkabetz, both of Ashdod. Police said the car in which the four were riding had failed to halt at a stop sign when it was hit by the truck. The car's driver, Jacques Alkabetz, was lightly injured.

According to an eyewitness quoted by *Yediot Aharonot*, the child's funeral was attended by hundreds of local residents. Bouskila had delivered a eulogy and the funeral procession was approaching the grave site, when sudden-

ly an argument broke out and the burial society workers headed for an area beyond the cemetery wall.

Sderot Rabbi David Bar-Hen was quoted as saying he had been obliged to bury the child outside the cemetery, since the mother was not Jewish and thus the boy was also not Jewish according to Halacha, even though he was circumcised. Bar-Hen was also quoted as saying there are many such non-Jews in Sderot and it might be necessary to provide a special cemetery for them.

"That's the Halacha and that's why they appointed me here as rabbi, to watch over the Jews. All in all, we acted absolutely correctly," Bar-Hen said.

However, Bouskila said yesterday that even though he could not interfere in Halacha, he hopes there would be some way to act more leniently in the tragic situation of the death of a child who was a year and seven months old. "There are two problems, the halachic one

and the human one. I can't interfere in Halacha, but I say as a human being that they should have acted more leniently. It hurt me as a human being to see it happen," Bouskila said.

The Sderot mayor said he had sent telegrams to the two chief rabbis in an effort to get them to formulate some lenient solution to the issue. Gedalya Schreiber, director-general of the Chief Rabbinate, said yesterday he does not know what action, if any, the chief rabbis would take in the matter.

Meanwhile, both the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) and Hemdat, the Coalition for Religious and Scientific Freedom, yesterday issued a protest over the incident. Both groups are engaged in a struggle against concessions granted the religious parties so they would join the government coalition.

"The answer of the enlightened public in Israel is to put Rabbi Bar-Hen outside the wall of the community," said IRAC director Rabbi Uri Regev.

# Yigal Amir's lawyers looking for Avishai Raviv

THE defense lawyers of Yigal and Haggai Amir and Dror Adani are searching for former Eyal organization leader and GSS informer Avishai Raviv, who they want to appear as a defense witness in their trial, which will resume this morning in Tel Aviv District Court.

Lawyers Moshe Meroz and Shmuel Fleishmann sent a messenger service yesterday with a summons ordering Raviv to appear, but the messengers could not find him at the address listed. His parents have apparently moved address, and as of last night Raviv had not been found.

The trial continues today with Yigal Amir continuing his testimony which started on Sunday. Amir, already sentenced to life plus six years for the murder of

RABBI MARCUS

Yitzhak Rabin and the wounding of his bodyguard Yoram Rubin, is now being tried together with his brother and Adani on charges of conspiring to kill Rabin; to hurt Arabs and their property; and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. He has already said that he acted without the help or knowledge of Haggai and Adani, but mentioned that Avishai Raviv knew of his plot to kill Rabin.

Raviv, former leader of the extremist Eyal organization, was exposed as a GSS informer shortly after the assassination, and subsequently went underground.

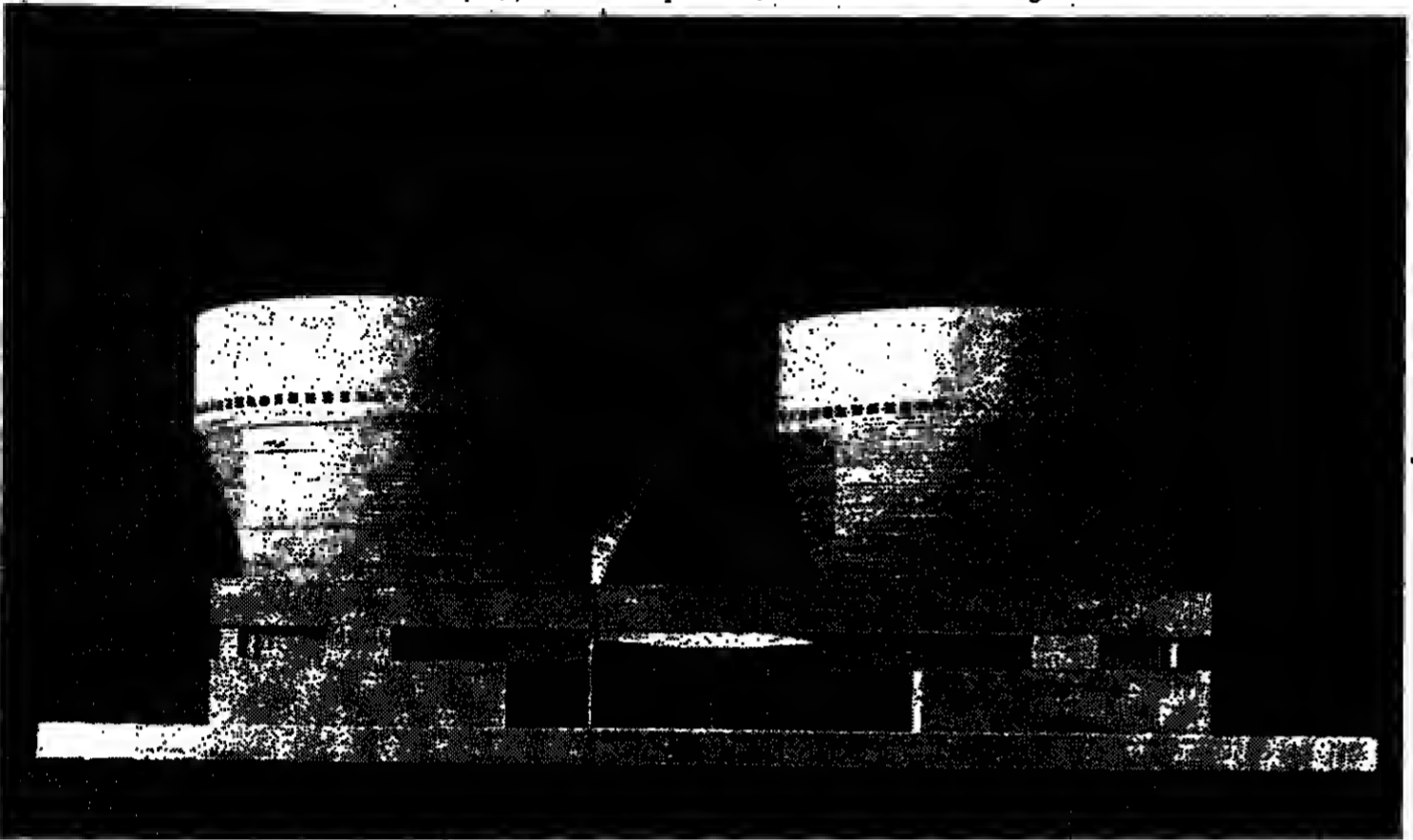
According to lawyer Fleishmann, the GSS did not tell police that Raviv was an informer after the latter was arrested and

questioned following the murder. "The investigating officer discovered that Raviv was a GSS informer from the press," said Fleishmann.

Rumors that Raviv has left the country are reportedly untrue.

Since he did not receive the order to appear for the defense, the court cannot issue a subpoena. If he or a family member over the age of 18 had received the order, but the witness failed to turn up, then a subpoena demanding he show up may be issued.

Meanwhile if Raviv is not found, defense witnesses expected to testify this morning include Margalit Har-Shefi, who was arrested in connection with the murder plot but who has not yet been indicted, Haggai Amir and Dror Adani.



A model of Swiss architect Mario Botta's design for Tel Aviv University's first synagogue.

# Swiss architect designs TAU's first synagogue

TEL AVIV University, which claims to have "the world's largest Jewish student body," is to receive its first synagogue. The house of worship, as well as a cultural center, will be part of a complex designed by Swiss architect Mario Botta, who arrived Monday to present detailed plans of the project.

Botta is known worldwide, especially for his design of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, but also for other recent projects, including the Evry Cathedral in France, and the Art Gallery in Tokyo. This is the first synagogue he has designed and

his first building in Israel. "The two main spaces, one dedicated to prayer and the other to discussions, are two aspects of the students' need to meet," Botta said. Thus the project will have twin towers, each with a square base and walls that transform themselves at the ceiling into a circle. Natural light will flood the interior from four arched skylights resulting from the meeting of the square roof and circular perimeter.

The identical shape of the two parts symbolizes "the double offer

of both a religious and secular space for the spiritual and cultural activities" of the modern person, he said.

Botta is fond of equating the quintessential cultural structure - the museum - with a house of worship. "Both provide spaces for moments of quiet, to enable us to confront the whirlpool of change the modern world has wrought," he said in January, during his first visit here.

The center is to be a place for learning and debate, aimed at fos-

tering discussion and bridging the gap between the religious and secular sectors. "We cannot and never should underestimate the difficulties of resolving the issue of how to build a pluralistic democracy, while recognizing the validity of, and intensity of, some of its members' religious beliefs," said Norbert Cymbalista, the center's donor.

"The Rabin assassination, like nothing else in Israeli history, has shown us the dangers of secular and religious polarization and of lack of communication in this society," said Cymbalista.

# Bar official upbraided for not suspending himself while under investigation

SUPREME Court Justice Gavriel Bach sharply criticized Bar Association secretary-general Shimon Ben-Ya'acov yesterday for his failure to suspend himself a second time from the committee on appointing judges.

Ben-Ya'acov had suspended himself between October 1994 and June 1995, under heavy pressure from the High Court of Justice, while the police were investigating a sexual harassment complaint by his former secretary, Orli Shimon. A year ago, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair decided not to press charges, on the grounds that sexual harassment is not a crime, and Ben-Ya'acov then resumed his seat on the appointments committee.

However, Shimon, who was last year persuaded to drop her petition against Ben-Ya'acov, recently asked Ben-Yair to reconsider

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his decision, charging that the investigation had been flawed. For instance, she said, the police never questioned other women with similar complaints against Ben-Ya'acov. Ben-Yair agreed to have the police renew the investigation, and Shimon then re-deposited the court, asking that Ben-Ya'acov once again suspend himself from the committee.

At a hearing yesterday, government attorney Osnat Mandel said the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office would make a final decision in about a month, but it seemed likely that the case would once again be closed without charges. Ben-Ya'acov, therefore, flatly refused to suspend himself.

"Why should I let my honor be trampled in the streets?" he asked. "If she gets a court order [sus-

pending me], she gets more publicity. That's what she wants."

Bach, however, sharply criticized this decision.

"I expected you [to suspend yourself] as a matter of course [while the investigation is open]," he said, noting that the committee on appointing judges must be above all suspicion of improper behavior. "We have to set an example."

Because the committee will not be meeting within the next month in any case, Bach refrained from ordering Ben-Ya'acov to suspend himself. In his decision, however, he wrote that he "did not reject the conceptual basis of the request," and said Shimon could resubmit her petition if the committee met before the district attorney's office made a final decision on the case, or if a decision was made to press charges.

# Sheves: Weizman should have mentioned Rabin

IT is a national disgrace that President Ezer Weizman, in his speech at the opening session of the 14th Knesset, did not say even one word about the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Sheves, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, said yesterday.

"The president... didn't say a word about the assassination or the incitement that preceded it, or about the man who led this country for three-and-a-half years after being democratically elected," Sheves told Army Radio. "That's a disgrace to the nation, to all its citizens, and to me as a citizen. I am ashamed that we have a president like this." (Itm)

# A third of Israelis have at least '386' PC

JUDY SIEGEL

THIRTY-FOUR percent of all Israeli homes have a personal computer with a processor of at least the 386 type, and a third of those PCs has a modem for computer communications over a phone line. This was disclosed by a Gallup-Israel survey conducted for Bezeq.

According to the poll, 10% of the PC owners who have no modem said they were certain they would buy one soon. In a survey of all PC users (at work and at home), it was found that half of the personal computers in the country have advanced 586 (Pentium) processors. Of all workplaces with at least three employees, 88% have at least one computer, 60% have a modem and 5% are sure they will purchase one.

Bezeq, which is most interested in the popularity of modems because they require use of its phone lines, found that 85% of those surveyed would hook up to the Internet. Fully 43% of them would prefer "surfing" the Internet on a non-subscription basis. Bezeq announced on Monday that it intends to offer such a service soon through its Goldnet subsidiary. Modem owners were most interested in using their equipment to get on-line banking services.

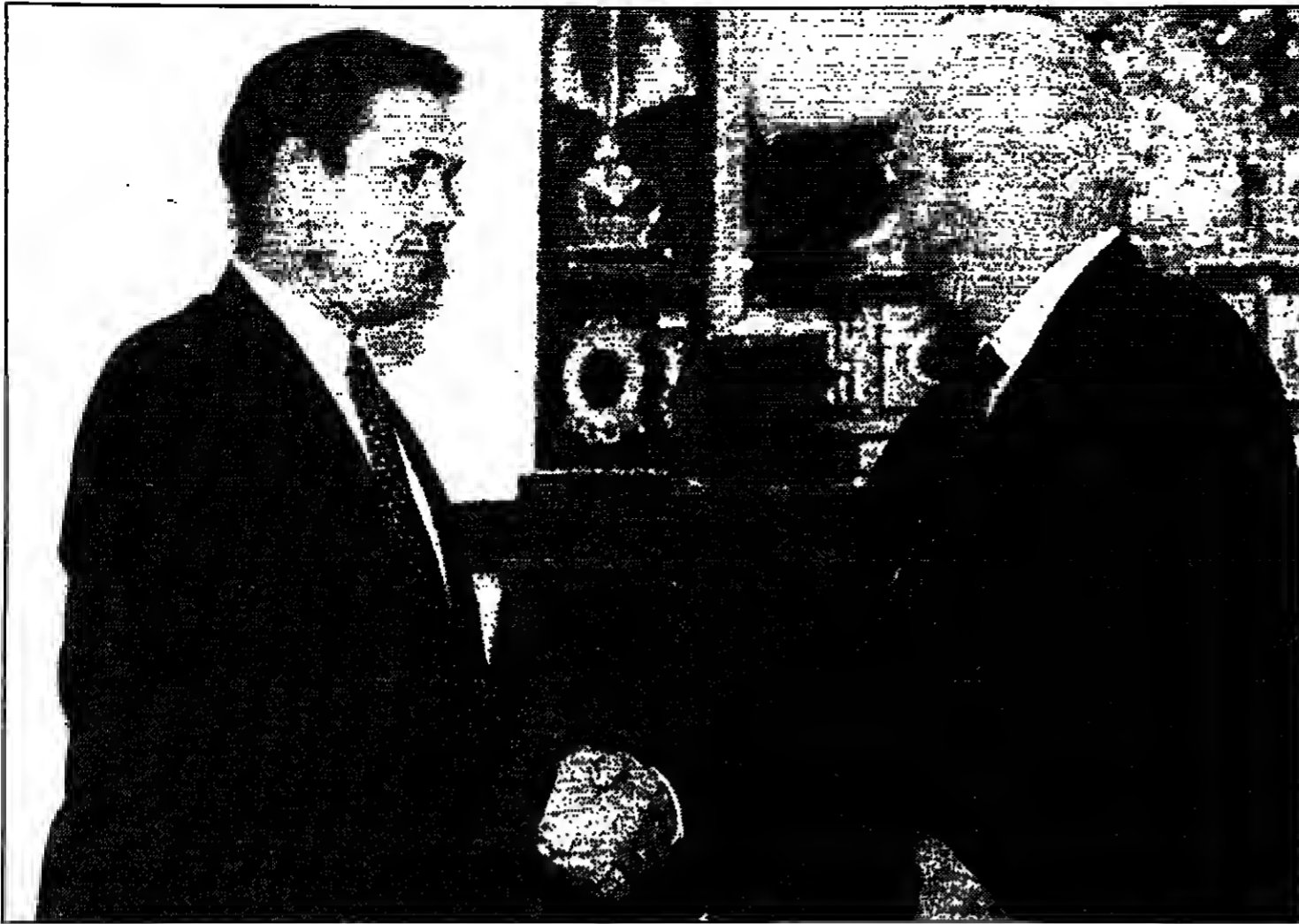
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Russian President Boris Yeltsin shakes hands with Alexander Lebed after he named him secretary of the powerful Security Council and national security adviser. Lebed, who finished a strong third in the first round of the presidential elections, also takes over from defense minister Pavel Grachev, who was ousted from his post yesterday. (AP)

# Yeltsin dumps Grachev to win Lebed's support

MOSCOW (Reuters) - President Boris Yeltsin, boosting his bid for re-election in a runoff vote, yesterday handed popular general Alexander Lebed top security posts and the head of his arch-foe - Defense Minister Pavel Grachev.

Within hours of the announcement, the tough-talking Lebed announced he had moved quickly to dampen unrest among some officers opposed to Grachev's dismissal. "There will be no upheaval," he told a news conference.

The Kremlin leader, hoping to snap up the 11 million votes Lebed picked up in the first round and thus beat Communist rival Gennady Zyuganov in a July runoff, named him secretary of the powerful Security Council and national security adviser.

The 65-year-old Yeltsin unceremoniously dumped the unpopular Pavel Grachev, his defense minister for four years, who had embarrassed him by bungling the Chechnya military campaign.

This was clearly further enticement by Yeltsin to the tough-talking Lebed, 46, who fell out with Grachev last year and had publicly derided him as an incompetent during his election campaign.

The charismatic Lebed, who campaigned on a pledge to crack down on crime and root out corruption,

had a strong first-round showing with nearly 15 percent of the vote, behind Yeltsin's 35 percent and Zyuganov's 32.

This made him a kingmaker, cornering a huge vote badly sought after by the two frontrunners, ahead of the runoff.

Lebed, whose fierce demeanor belies his name which means "swan" in Russian, immediately sought to live up to his tough guy image at a news conference after his appointment.

He told reporters he had taken "concrete steps" to defuse opposition to Grachev's dismissal among some of the top brass. He said the unrest had been "an attempt to put pressure" on Yeltsin but the danger had now passed.

Lebed said he would exercise wider powers than his predecessors in his twin roles, listing such issues as capital flight, environmental problems, Russia's dependence on food imports and the course of privatization.

Yeltsin named Mikhail Kolesnikov, head of the Russian General Staff, as acting defense minister. Speculation centered on general Boris Gromov, another old foe of Grachev, as possible full-time successor.

Grachev's replacement will have implications for the Chechnya conflict, army reform and foreign poli-

cy issues such as relations with NATO.

Lebed, turning his back on any association with Zyuganov, said he was sure 80 percent of his voters would follow him.

Zyuganov, 51, who called on Lebed to unite with the communist-led "national-patriotic" bloc, put a brave face on the matter and told reporters he hoped it was not too late for talks.

And other communist officials said Lebed had seriously compromised himself by doing a deal with a politician, "the State Duma's communist chairman, Gennady Seleznyov, said.

"There is no party or mass organization behind Lebed. He only has his name. His rise in the elections is a phenomenon which occurs once in three years," Seleznyov said.

Foreign investors bought strongly into Russian securities on news of the deal which they thought looked certain to buy four more years of reform.

Russian stocks and bonds rose sharply after news of the deal between Yeltsin and Lebed. But the latest economic news brought no signs of the long-awaited turnaround. Gross domestic product in May declined by one percent from April and industrial output showed a five percent decline.

## Amnesty: Arms dealers share blame for abuses

LONDON (Reuters) - The United States and other developed nations that train and supply foreign security forces bear "a heavy responsibility" when those forces oppress and torture their people, Amnesty International said in its annual report released today.

Amnesty focused criticism on the world's biggest weapons dealers: the United States, Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia.

"These countries ... bear a heavy responsibility when human rights abuses are committed by police security or military personnel whom they have supplied and assisted," the report said.

Pierre Sané, Amnesty International's Secretary-General, said arms producers

often try abdicate responsibility for atrocities "by claiming they are 'local affairs' over which they have no influence.

"But who is arming and training those committing the atrocities?" he asked.

In the Middle East, both government and opposition forces involved in armed conflicts, especially in North Africa, caused appalling human rights abuses in 1995, Amnesty International said.

It cited cases of political detention without charge, unlawful executions and "disappearances", and said in its annual report that unfair trials were committed with almost total impunity and lack of investigation by governments.

"Armed opposition groups were an integral part of the Middle

Eastern political landscape, committing an increasing number of grave human rights abuses without any accountability," the group said in a statement.

"Torture and ill-treatment continued to be widespread throughout the region."

Amnesty said hundreds of people were executed without a trial by security forces and government-backed militias in Algeria and thousands of sympathizers of banned Islamic groups were held in detention without charge in Egypt.

More than 20 journalists were also killed in Algeria, most by reportedly armed groups.

"Our principal concern in Saudi Arabia is the number of beheadings and amputations which we

consider cruel and inhuman punishment," said Amnesty spokesman Mark Ogle, adding that the majority of victims were foreign nationals.

An Egyptian, Mohammad Ali al Sayyid was sentenced to 4,000 lashes for burglary.

At least 192 people were executed in Saudi Arabia last year and 47 riot a similar fate in Iran.

Twenty-seven people, including 15 women, were also sentenced to flogging in the United Arab Emirates and at least 14 people convicted of robbery in Yemen were sentenced to amputation.

Ogle also stressed Amnesty's concern about the "ill-treatment and execution of pro-democracy campaigners" in Bahrain.

## Whitewater panel split on results of its findings

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate Whitewater Committee ended its work yesterday bitterly divided. Democrats concluded that President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton engaged in no wrongdoing, while majority Republicans leveled scathing criticism at the first lady.

"The American people deserve to know, and now can take comfort in knowing, that this yearlong investigation shows no misconduct or abuse of power by their president or first lady," the Democrats wrote in a dissenting report.

The venom with which the majority focuses its attack on Hillary Rodham Clinton is surprising, even in the context of the investigation," the Democrats added.

Republicans took a sharply different view. Their report concludes that the evidence suggests Mrs. Clinton likely was behind the disappearance of her billing records containing her legal work for the failed Arkansas savings and loan that has been a central focus of the investigation.

The Republicans said Mrs. Clinton had a powerful motive to hide her billing records to cover up her work a decade ago on a fraudulent land development south of Little Rock called Castle Grande.

"The billing records and the evidence" from banking executive Don Denton "indicate that Mrs. Clinton either had knowledge of or consciously avoided the fact that the Castle Grande transactions potentially violated bank regulations," the Republicans wrote.

"That knowledge provides a powerful motive to protect the billing records from careful scrutiny by investigators."

"Because Mrs. Clinton had ordered the destruction of other documents relating to Mrs. Clinton's representation of Madison (in the late 1980s) - the billing records were the only documentary evidence available which reflected the true extent of Mrs. Clinton's role with respect to the fraudulent scheme."

## Bosnian Moslem suspects plead innocent at war crimes tribunal

THE HAGUE (AP) - Two Bosnian Moslems accused of torturing, murdering and raping Bosnian Serbs at a prison camp pleaded innocent before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal yesterday.

Hasim Delic, 36, and Ensad Landzo, 23, were impassive as they walked into court. They are the first suspects surrendered to the UN tribunal by a signatory to the Dayton peace accord.

Bosnian Serbs held prisoner at the Moslem-run Celebici camp in 1992 accuse them of multiple murders, torture and rape. Delic was reportedly "deputy" commander and Landzo a guard at the camp in central Bosnia.

Delic and Landzo are accused of beating an elderly man and nailing an SDA badge to his head before he died. SDA is the acronym for the Party of Democratic Action, the ruling Moslem party in Bosnia.

They are also accused of beating an inmate with a baseball bat and lengths of steel cable, then torturing him with pliers, lit fuses and nails. The victim died after days of abuse. Another prisoner, a woman, "suffered repeated incidents of forcible sexual intercourse."

The two were arrested in Bosnia last month by government authorities and transferred to the tribunal last week, in line with the Dayton requirements that governments extradite indicted war criminals found within their territory.

## Unabomber indicted

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Theodore Kaczynski, a former mathematician professor turned recluse, was indicted yesterday for four separate bomb attacks that killed two persons and injured two others, the U.S. Justice Department said.

Justice Department prosecutors said a federal grand jury in Sacramento, California, returned a 10-count indictment against Kaczynski - the first charges against him for some of the Unabomber's 16 bombings between 1978 and 1995.

From the Sacramento federal courthouse to the county jail, preparations were under way yesterday for the expected indictment of Kaczynski in the city where two people were killed by package bombs blamed on the elusive serial bomber.

New surveillance cameras were installed at the courthouse and an armored car was brought in to transport Kaczynski from the jail to the courthouse and back.

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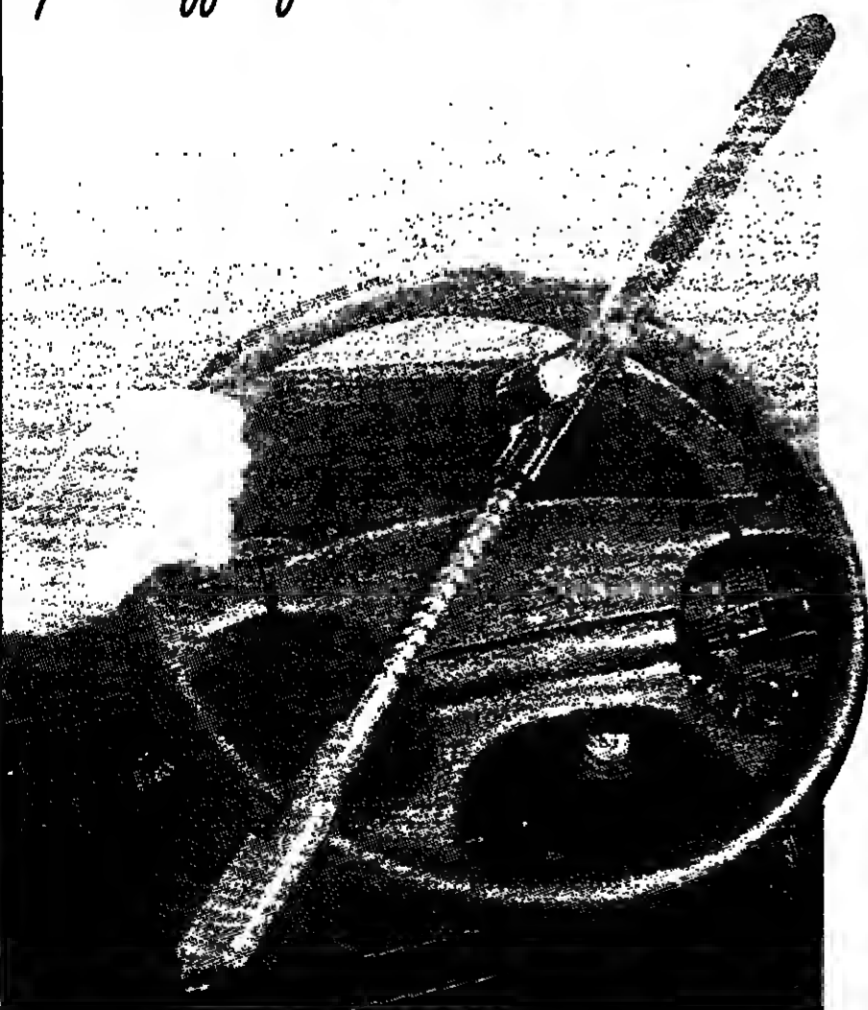
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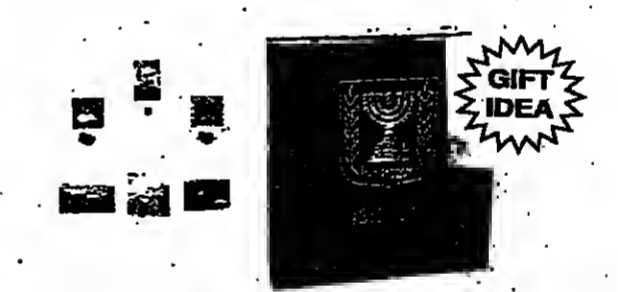
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# Moroccan opposition maneuvers for power

MOROCCO'S opposition parties have pounced on anti-government sentiment generated by last week's general strike by calling on King Hassan to carry out urgent political reforms and hold a parliamentary election.

Political analysts say the left-wing opposition parties are positioning themselves for a possible role in government after more than 30 years in the political desert.

The four-party bloc known as the "Koutla" called on the king to speed up constitutional reforms at a news conference called after the general strike two weeks ago which they supported tacitly.

"The time has come for the opposition to form a national gov-

ernment to solve Morocco's urgent social problems. This can only be done through fair and transparent elections," said veteran politician Ali Yata of the Socialist PPS party.

The opposition, which holds 125 seats in the 333-seat parliament, has previously said the last elections in 1993 were unfair.

The four leaders denied they wanted to reduce the powers of the constitutional monarchy, under which the king appoints prime ministers, hires and fires other ministers, approves major policies and dissolves parliament.

"Our proposals do not touch the king's key role or other royal prerogatives," Mohamed Boucetta, leader of the old-guard Istiqlal party said.

The king last year proposed a bicameral parliament and wider regional representation but has not said what powers each of the chambers would have.

Complaining of fatigue from his role of referee in politics, the 66-year-old monarch said he was committed to the idea of "alternating" government, with the big parliamentary groups taking turns in running the country.

He said it was time to bring new blood into politics after decades of uninterrupted right-wing rule.

Although invited by the king after the 1993 election to head a coalition government, the Koutla declined saying it preferred to wait until it had a democratic majority.

The king's insistence on retain-

ing his Minister of Interior Driss Basri in a future cabinet led to deadlock in the talks.

The government is preparing new electoral lists and the Moroccan press says a referendum to reshape the Chamber of Representatives was likely to be held in September. This would be followed by local and parliamentary elections.

An eight-page opposition memorandum containing suggested amendments to the constitution was sent to the king in April. But its contents were leaked to the press, kicking off a public debate before expected consultations with the monarch.

"When we spent our memorandum to the palace, we wanted the reforms to follow consultations

with the King," Boucetta said.

"In it we stressed the need to reform the constitution and reinforce the powers of the prime ministers as well as those of parliament."

The one-day general strike capped a series of stoppages which have hit virtually all sectors of the economy in the nation of 27 million, where roughly one fifth of the population lives below the poverty line, according to World Bank estimates.

The Koutla, set up in the early 1990s, was formed by the Istiqlal party, Socialist Union of People's Forces, the Progressive Socialist Party (ex-Communist), and the radical Organization of Democratic and Popular Action.

(Reuters)

# Washington approves Arab summit

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THE Arab summit in Cairo, and the scheduled visit of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Washington are essentially linked. Egypt is reminding the American administration of its regional power vis-à-vis Israel, and also the usefulness to the Americans of this week-end's summit.

Until now Washington rarely encouraged all-embracing gatherings of Arab states. The propensity of radical Arab states to intimidate the moderate ones, especially those moving toward normalization of relations with Israel, is well-known.

Hence it was somewhat unusual to hear Washington welcoming the Egyptian initiative to convene the first such summit in six years, following the Israeli elections.

There is little doubt the Americans find some use in this summit, which will send an early message to the incoming Netanyahu government. But there may also be another aspect to the US's change in attitude to the idea of an Arab summit.

This would be linked to Iran's disapproval of the Cairo meeting. Immediately after Egypt announced it was calling the summit, Tehran declared its preference for an Islamic summit rather than an Arab summit, and scurried into anxious contacts with its main Arab ally, Syria.

Iran may suspect, and not without reason, that while Netanyahu's visit to Washington provided an appropriate timing for the Cairo meeting, the summit's main target is not the new government in Israel at all — but Iran.

From this perspective, the Cairo meeting can be seen as a confirmation of some of the Middle East policy benefits the US has accrued from the peace process. Here is a chance to crystallize the alliance between partners to that peace process — a bloc that is forming around the Israeli-Turkish alliance and joint maneuvers in the region between the US military and those of Jordan, Egypt and the Gulf emirates.

Syria may look relieved at its assumption that American pressure on it to enter serious negotiations with Israel might stop because of the new "hawkish" government in Jerusalem.

But Egypt may have second thoughts about the urgency of advancing a peace process between Israel and Syria, because Cairo is now once again the leading force in the Arab world. Cairo's 17-year-old peace with Israel and its strong links with Washington make it a regional cornerstone.

Syria has been trying to impose its will on Arab states already at peace with Israel. It wants to force Jordan and the Gulf states to retreat from the normalization of relations with Israel.

As part of its "persuasive" tactics in the Gulf region, Syria even took a step that irritated its ally Iran. Damascus came out in support of the Gulf emirates' claims to islands occupied by Iran.

Well aware of these Syrian attempts, Washington has been making the necessary noises in advance of the summit to ensure it will not take decisions which would stop the drift toward normalization with Israel.

## Kuwait denies tiff with Libya is over

KUWAIT denied this week it had received or accepted Libyan clarifications of recent remarks by Col. Muammar Gaddafi, questioning the Gulf emirate's right to statehood.

Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah said: "Kuwait has not received an official response from the Libyan government about these remarks."

His remarks were carried by the state-run Kuwait News Agency, which quoted a Libyan diplomat as saying his country's diplomatic row with Kuwait was over.

Sheikh Sabah insisted that Kuwait was still dismayed.

KUNA had quoted Libya's charge d'affaires, Idris Bou Dib, as saying the crisis over Gaddafi's remarks was defused when Kuwait received "clarifications from Libya" which "contained the problem."

While on a visit to Egypt last month, Gaddafi said Kuwait was unworthy of independence and statehood.

"When Iraq invaded Kuwait, America came to defend it and that is [Kuwait's] legal and lawful right. But what I say is that when [Kuwait] is not capable of defending itself, why did it ever become independent?" the Libyan leader said.

Bou Dib had said the clarifications given to Kuwait officials "clearly stressed the support for the independence, sovereignty and freedom of the state of Kuwait." Libya also stressed its "rejection of the Iraqi invasion," he added.

Kuwait recalled its charge d'affaires from the Libyan capital for consultations a few days after Gaddafi made his remarks in a meeting with Egyptian university teachers and students.

Khaled al-Jarrallah, the acting undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry, told KUNA that Libya's news media was "regrettably continuing a campaign against Kuwait and its people."

The reported end of the diplomatic row between the two states came only days before a pan-Arab summit to be held in Cairo to close Arab ranks.

Sheikh Sabah, the Kuwaiti foreign minister, said the dispute will not be on the summit's agenda.

Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al-Abdulla al-Sabah will lead his country's delegation to the summit.

"Sheikh Saad will attend the summit," said an official who did not wish to be identified.

Western diplomats said they believed Kuwaiti Emir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, did not want to attend the summit because of continued tension with a number of Arab leaders since the 1990 Gulf crisis.

"There were doubts about Sheikh Jaber's participation. The atmosphere is not right," said a diplomat.

Oil-rich Kuwait reduced diplomatic ties with Jordan, Yemen, Sudan, Mauritania, Tunisia and Algeria to avenge their sympathy for Iraq after its forces invaded Kuwait in August 1990. It also cut development aid to them and to the Palestinians. (Agencies)



Yasser Arafat is greeted by a welcoming committee at Beijing airport Monday as he begins his four-day visit there. The PA chairman is due to talk with Chinese officials regarding developments in the wake of the Israeli elections.

# Christopher: Iraq must let in UN inspectors

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher demanded this week that Iraq grant UN inspectors immediate access to sites suspected of harboring banned weapons.

Christopher, responding to the weekend departure of UN experts from Baghdad after they were refused access to three military sites, said the inspectors "must achieve immediate and unrestricted access to Iraqi facilities."

"Under the circumstances we can accept no less," he added.

Christopher said at a briefing that he wanted to underscore a statement by the UN that there could be no preconditions for its inspection teams.

The Security Council said in a formal statement that it "rejected attempts by Iraq to impose condi-

tions on the conduct of inspections." It said Iraq was violating the 1991 cease-fire that ended the Gulf War, under the terms of which Baghdad is obliged to rid itself of weapons of mass destruction and the means to produce them.

A senior UN arms official said he pulled his inspectors out of Iraq because he suspected any vital materials had been removed by ood and he did not have enough staff to replace the experts.

Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN Special Commission in charge of ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, was leaving for Baghdad this week and would arrive today. He said he expected to report to the Security Council on June 24.

Ekeus withdrew some 54 arms

inspectors over the weekend who were standing vigil around three sites in and around Baghdad after Iraqi authorities defied two Security Council directives and denied them the right to search the premises.

He said the leader of the team, Nikita Smidovich, a Russian ballistic missiles expert, brandished the council's directives and formally asked for admittance at each site on Saturday before the team left Baghdad on Sunday.

"He went to one place after another and repeated the liturgy," Ekeus said.

He said there was no sense keeping the team on longer because of the "high mobility" of materials they were seeking after the stand-offs, which began last Tuesday.

He said past experience showed

that "if you go to sites used for concealment, nothing is there. If you go back a week later, it may be packed with the stuff. Our inspections have a time focus."

"We also do not have the reserves," he said.

His deputy, Charles Duelfer, an American, said the health of the team keeping vigil in intense heat was also taken into consideration.

"What is troubling about the incident is what it bodes for monitoring in the future as these inspections were for past programs," he said.

"The denial of access does not bode well for monitoring in future if Iraq is now going to take a new position — to deny categories of sites to our inspectors. That's a problem." (Agencies)

## Terrorists strike Bahrain hotel

TERRORISM returned to Bahrain this week when a bomb-laden car exploded outside a downtown hotel and an anonymous caller said the blast was intended to pressure authorities to release political prisoners.

There were no casualties and slight damage. At least two fire engines rushed to the scene.

One of the owners of the Saudi-licensed car said it "was damaged by a blast while it was parked but nobody was injured."

The Nissan vehicle was parked near a branch of the Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait, the Standard Chartered Bank and the Gulf Pearl Hotel. A police officer, who declined to give his name, said a bomb-rigged Nissan Patrol four-wheel-drive car with Saudi Arabian license plates exploded outside the complex.

The officer had no details on the size of the bomb.

The explosion felt "like an earthquake," said a Pakistani businessman, who gave his name only as Noman. Two Saudi Arabians who had just checked into the International Hotel said they heard a "huge explosion."

Bahrain has been racked by 18 months of political violence by Shi'ite Muslim protesters demanding a return of a parliament dis-

solved two decades ago and greater job opportunities for Shi'ites.

Almost simultaneously with the latest blast, a news agency received a telephone call from a man who said, in Arabic-accented English: "Listen carefully. We have planted a bomb in the Bahrain International Hotel. If they don't release the 44 guys, we will destroy the whole of Bahrain."

Then he hung up, without giving his name or saying what group he may be affiliated with.

He was referring to 44 people arrested recently in connection with an alleged Iranian-backed plot to overthrow the ruling Al-Khalifa family.

The Bahraini government says the detainees confessed last month that they plotted to overthrow the government and detailed their links to Iran. Iran has denied the accusations, calling them "totally baseless." A slight majority of Bahrain's 500,000 people are Shi'ites, many of Iranian origin, but the ruling family belongs to the mainstream Sunni Moslem sect.

Bahrain repeatedly has accused Tehran of being behind the Shi'ite-led wave of unrest that began in December 1994 in which 28 people have reportedly been killed. Iran has denied any involvement. (AP)

## Algerian court sentences 27 militants to death

TWO Algerian courts sentenced 27 Moslem militants to death in absentia for involvement in terrorist activities, the official Algerian news agency APS said.

A court in Medea, 70 km south of Algiers, condemned the 23 militants this week at the end of a two-day trial, said APS quoting court officials.

The court found them guilty of belonging to an armed group which "destroyed by setting ablaze state-owned companies with the aim of harming state security, for giving support to terrorists and for not informing the authorities about

wanted persons," APS reported.

The court also sentenced two other militants to life imprisonment, while seven others were sentenced to between one and 11 years in prison, APS said. The nine defendants were present in court.

In a separate trial, the court in Saïda, 340 km southwest of Algiers, sentenced four militants to death in absentia for belonging to an armed group, assassination attempts, arson and theft.

According to Algerian law, those

defendants sentenced to death while on the run are entitled to a retrial if they are captured or give themselves up.

The latest sentences brought to at least 50 the number of Moslem militants sentenced to death, mostly in absentia, by the Medea court in the last two months.

Medea is a known terrorist stronghold where seven French monks were kidnapped from a monastery in the area in March. Their captors slit their throats and

dumped their bodies by a roadside two months later.

More than 1,000 militants have been condemned to death, most of them in absentia, since 1993 when Algerian courts began trying people for Moslem fundamentalist activity. An estimated 50,000 people, most of them militants and security forces members, have been killed in Algeria's violence since authorities canceled a general election which radical Islamists were set to win. (Reuters)

## Britain, Qatar end joint exercises

QATAR and Britain have concluded a four-day joint military exercise, the first since the two countries signed a defense pact two months ago.

Local newspapers said the air and naval maneuvers ended this week.

The English-language daily Peninsula said the British guided missile destroyer HMS York took part in the war games.

Qatar signed a defense agreement with Britain in April, part of a wider plan to modernize the Gulf state's armed forces.

The agreement provides for British military and technical assistance to Qatar as well as joint exercises.

The joint war games coincided with a visit by James Arbutnot,

Britain's minister of state for procurement at the Defense Department. He met with high-ranking Qatari officials.

Last week, Qatar took delivery at a British shipyard of the strike craft *Qens Huwar*, the second of four such warships it ordered from Britain in the 1980s.

The first, *Qens Barzan*, was handed over to Qatar in May, and the other two will be ready over the next year.

The 36-meter vessels are built by Britain's Vosper Thornycroft, which also is training students from Qatar's royal navy.

The vessels carry advanced machinery and control systems and are capable of accepting a wide variety of weapons including missiles. (AP)

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## A disappointing start

IT was difficult to view yesterday's changing of the guard at the Knesset with any sense of elation. Neither the new government nor the opposition seemed able to live up to the solemnity and significance of the moment, and both seemed intent on exposing the least attractive aspects of Israeli politics: disunity, pettiness, empty rhetoric, and vindictiveness.

In his haste to put a coalition together and take over the reins of government, newly installed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu caused an internal crisis in the Likud, which made his first steps in power seem inauspicious. That he could not find a respectable place in his government for MK Ariel Sharon, who had rallied a fractious "national camp" behind Netanyahu's leadership when the chances of victory seemed remote, points to a woeful miscalculation.

Not surprisingly, his choice for foreign minister, David Levy, used the opportunity to draw attention to himself. With characteristic petulance, he declined to attend the Knesset session and be introduced as a member of the new government unless a place could immediately be found for Sharon. As a result, Netanyahu had to keep the foreign portfolio to himself, until Levy would see fit to accept it.

It was a humiliating spectacle for a government which had promised to be an efficient, "can do" administration. The Likud, which had managed to overcome its chronic unruliness for the duration of the election campaign, seemed to be reverting to its wayward norms.

Nor had the Labor Party, now in opposition, changed its ways. Former prime minister Shimon Peres, perhaps attempting to show that he possesses the vigor and feistiness expected of an opposition leader, delivered a shrill, combative address, which sounded more like a stump speech than a thoughtful response to Netanyahu's appeal for domestic unity and unprecedented call for peace and reconciliation with the world of Islam.

Peres repeated all the tired, questionable shibboleths of the campaign. Again, the public was treated to what former president George Bush derisively described as "the vision thing." Only people of little faith, Peres averred, fail to see that the region is ready for an historic reconciliation, for peace with Israel in exchange for land, and for replacing political, territorial, and military ambitions with aspirations for economic betterment.

But what was perhaps most riling about the Peres's speech was his demand that the incoming government honor its predecessor's "international commitments" by withdrawing from Hebron. The fact is that it was the Labor government which violated the Oslo agreement by refusing to leave Hebron after the suicide bombing outrages of February and March.

It was an eminently reasonable refusal. Hebron is a hotbed of Hamas activity. It has sheltered some of the most notorious terrorists, most recently Hassan Salameh, the second most wanted Hamas operative, nabbed by the IDF at a Hebron roadblock. To surrender Hebron is to award the Islamist terrorist organizations their most coveted prize, and provide them a launching pad for a terror campaign against Israel.

In fact, it was Peres himself who said that the army would not move out of Hebron until the most wanted Hamas terrorist, Mohammed Deif, is apprehended. But only a few days ago, the Palestinian Authority announced that Deif had escaped from Gaza, where he had miraculously managed to hide for three months after the bus bombings.

It would, then, be reckless for Israel to withdraw from Hebron according to the former government's redeployment plan, and it is irresponsible of the Labor opposition to demand that Netanyahu government take the kind of risk it was not prepared to take upon itself.

Nor was the call for adherence to a dangerous commitment the only disappointing component of the Peres speech. Ignoring indications of a looming economic crisis, Peres bragged about his economic policies which were, if anything, more irresponsible than his government's "peace" moves. The loans guaranteed by the US have been squandered on raising the pay of the tumescent bureaucracy's employees, bringing on an inflation rate of 15 percent a year. The growth rate and productivity are down, while the trade and budget deficits have reached frightening levels. One of the government's first tasks will have to be the restoration of the economy's health.

If there was one comforting thought in yesterday's spectacle it was the fact that Netanyahu has shown himself capable of surviving worse crises than yesterday's minor fiasco. If he manages to get efficient team work out of his new government, yesterday's limping start will seem like a minor mishap. If he doesn't, it will be remembered as an omen of things to come.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NO NEED FOR FEAR

Sir, - Thomas L. Friedman is entitled to use his column to exhort support for his choice for Israel's prime minister, and he is also entitled to criticize the judgment of the people of Israel in refusing to agree with him. But, his column "...And one man voted twice." (*The New York Times Weekly Review* distributed in *The Jerusalem Post* of June 2) goes too far in spreading fear for the personal safety of visitors to Israel. Mr. Friedman was once a courageous journalist, putting his fears aside to visit hot spots of the world in pursuit of truth. One must wonder whether he would similarly confess his insecurities if his candidate had won.

Interestingly, it was the voters' concern that the policies Mr. Friedman so ardently supported threatened Israel's security which contributed to the election results. The statistical likelihood of a foreign visitor to Israel, especially with Mr. Friedman's status and connections, suffering harm from terrorism is negligible and, according to *Moment* magazine, is far less than the risk of an American being murdered in 1994, a risk which is of no concern to any balanced individual. Mr. Friedman may continue to elect to stay at "low profile, out-of-the-way" places, avoid the center of town and develop anxiety waiting for traffic lights to change, but other experienced visitors, like the citizens of Israel, see no need to react as fearfully as Mr. Friedman.

KENNETH J. BIALKIN,  
Chairman of the Board,  
America-Israel Friendship League  
New York.

### DIASPORA JEWS

Sir, - After the elections in Israel there is a deep feeling of frustration in the Diaspora. Of course, it is clear that Jews who do not live in Israel have no moral right to vote and decide about Israel's destiny. But too much which concerns the whole Jewish people is at stake in the Israeli elections for Jews in the Diaspora to be considered unwanted kibitzers.

A way must be found to allow Jews in the Diaspora to vote at least in a symbolic way in the next Israeli elections. It may be healthy for the unity of the Jewish people and even for Israeli politics.

EGON FRIEDLER  
Montevideo, Uruguay.

### MEDIA BIAS

Sir, - Michal Yudelman is irked by our report, presented at a press conference one week after the elections. In it, we summed up the performance of the electronic media in the special 60-day period prior to the elections. According to Ms. Yudelman, however, "[Israel's] Media Watch continued railing against the media" ("Biased puppets," *The Week that Was* of June 7).

Our criticism was not limited to humor. As we noted, the bias of media mandarins - editors, producers, writers and talk-show hosts - was quite apparent in all too many programs. We specified some three-score infractions of the law and violations of the Israel Broadcasting Authority's own code of journalistic ethics and these were only examples.

The most damaging behavior of the media was the systematic closing off the airwaves to criticism. Professor Gavriel Moked, a left-winger, and Dr. Yuval Steinitz, formerly of Peace Now, had signed an ad calling on media journalists to be objective. They were invited several times to television and radio programs only to have their appearances canceled at the last minute. This was protective censorship, not worthy of Israel's public broadcasting system.

Chief Justice Theodore Orr, at our request, intervened twice with *Politiika* and once with an *Army Radio* program to keep them within the confines of the law. The State Attorney's office, following our complaint, saw fit to begin an investigation. A complaint was filed with the police. All this was kept off the airwaves. Didn't the public have a right to know? Can the public make a value judgment if the very instrument which is to keep them informed, by law, uses its powers to censor unfavorable news about itself?

Better late than never, Orit Galili of *Ha'aretz* exhibited integrity on TV One's *No Man's Land* program broadcast on June 5. She unashamedly admitted on camera that "the press was mobilized on behalf of Peres, totally" and expressed regret. Was she "railing" too?

PROF. ELI POLLAK  
Chairman, Israel's Media Watch  
Jerusalem.

### ENCOUNTERS WITH ANZACS

Sir, - I am researching and writing about the role of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers (Anzacs) who served in and around Eretz Yisrael during both World Wars and would like to ask if any readers would have information, especially relating to personal encounters with soldiers from these countries.

One of the main themes of my work (tentatively entitled *Anzacs, Zionists and the Empires*) will focus upon the warm relationship between the Anzacs and the Jewish people, either the civilians living in Eretz Yisrael, or Jewish soldiers of the Zion Mule Corps, Jewish Legion and Jewish Brigade. It is my opinion that every campaign in which Anzacs fought in the Eastern Mediterranean, during both World Wars, had a bearing upon the restoration and preservation of the Jewish homeland. Any further material to assist my research therefore would be greatly appreciated.

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### NO!

Sir, - I am all for journalists not being political propagandists during working hours. But privatize TV Channel 1? Good grief, no! We'd only get another drecky Channel 2.

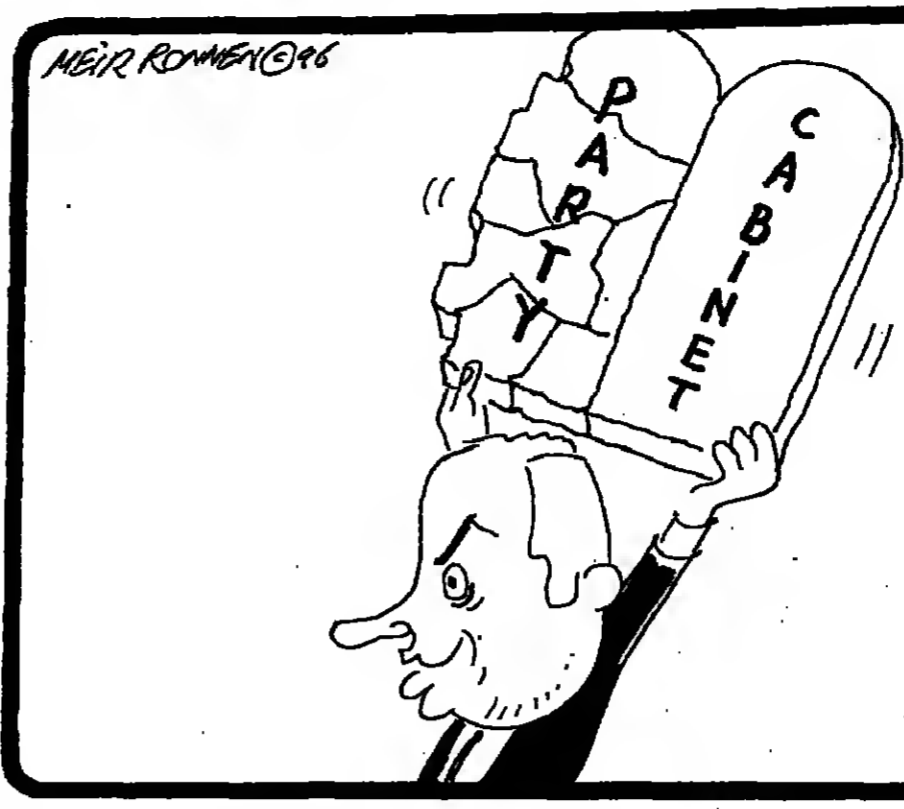
ARLYNN NELLHAUS  
Jerusalem.

### NO CONTRIBUTION

Sir, - On May 17, you printed a report on contributions of funds by Americans to the Labor Party and to Likud. The report erroneously stated that Jack Dweck, a New York resident, who is president of American Friends of Likud, had contributed \$100,000 to Likud, for Mr. Netanyahu's campaign. In fact, Mr. Dweck has made no contribution of funds whatsoever to Likud, in the past year, nor has he done any fundraising on behalf of Likud.

The false and misleading statement which identified Mr. Dweck as a major campaign contributor to Likud has embarrassed him, and caused him substantial emotional distress.

JEROME KAMERMAN,  
Counselor at Law  
New York.



## New king, new power

**A**s a ruthless candidate, Bibi Netanyahu sacrificed fellow Likud backbenchers to make a deal with David Levy's Geshet and Rafael Eitan's Tsomet, clearing the decks for an essential first-round victory in the vote for premier.

In setting up his cabinet, he has now done the same thing to leading Likud colleagues and potential future rivals for the party leadership.

It makes little difference if Dan Meridor, Benny Begin and Ariel Sharon do or do not end up joining the cabinet.

Netanyahu's purpose was to cut them - and all other potential rivals - down to size and let them know in no uncertain terms who's boss.

By doing this Netanyahu was exploiting fully the new powers of a directly-elected prime minister.

It wasn't very long ago that Likud "princes" and other leading party lights were taking advantage of every opportunity to express their disdain of Netanyahu, voicing the opinion that he was a parvenu and a lightweight, a man who had been able to snatch the party out of their hands, but whose ability to lead the country was doubtful. It was thus essential that Bibi establish his unchallenged dominance at the very outset.

But the fact is that while Netanyahu won the prime ministerial elections - albeit by a hairsbreadth - the Likud lost miserably.

The best comment on the brutality with which Netanyahu's hatchetman, Avigdor Lieberman, did the job on Sharon, Meridor, Begin, and Moshe Katsav was delivered by Ruby Rivlin, a Likud Knesset candidate who didn't make it because of the seats given to Geshet and Tsomet.

"Don't kick too many people on your way up," Rivlin said, "because the surest thing in politics is that you'll be meeting them all on your way down."

First impressions of the makeup of the new government are the

### YOSEF GOELL

inordinate concessions made to the religious parties, and the sacrifice of considerations of personal qualification to the single-minded insistence on establishing the prime minister's ascendancy over any highly qualified but possibly independent-minded ministers.

The religious bloc did increase its Knesset seats to an unprecedented 23, and this did require adequate recompense. But it has been vastly overdone.

### Bibi has shown who's boss - but some of his appointments are worrying

United Torah Judaism, for example, didn't increase its four seats at all. And yet it was awarded the Housing Ministry - at the expense of Ariel Sharon - and the coveted chairmanship of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The best explanation for this exaggerated largesse vis-a-vis the religious parties is Netanyahu's awareness that they and their activists were the ones who won him the election. The Likud's politicians barely exerted themselves in the campaign - an indication of their ambivalence toward Netanyahu. His last-minute victory was made possible by a string of bareid rabbis, and by the all-out mobilization of an army of enthusiastic haredi election-day activists.

THE MOST problematic aspect of Netanyahu's concessions to the power of the religious vote is his naming political outsider Prof. Ya'acov Ne'eman as justice minister.

The problem here isn't that

Ne'eman himself is religious. This would certainly be no reason to disqualify any candidate. It is that Ne'eman is very closely identified with the religious parties, and with religious politicians under indictment, at a time when they have targeted the Supreme Court and the entire judicial system as their main enemy in the intensifying confrontation between the religious and secular cultures.

Ne'eman will be expected to contribute his impressive expertise to a joint Netanyahu-religious bloc drive to circumvent the High Court and its rulings on a long list of civil rights and constitutional issues. There is also a very real possibility that Ne'eman and the other coalition representatives on the judges appointments committee will use the next four years to attempt to pack the Supreme Court and tip its internal balance in their favor.

The fact that Netanyahu automatically wrote Sharon and Eitan off as possible defense ministers redounds to his credit. Having said that, the choice of Yitzhak Mordechai for defense is disappointing.

The last thing in the world a defense minister should be is a second-guessing superchief of staff (remember the catastrophes of Moshe Dayan on the eve of the Yom Kippur War and Shimon Peres on the eve of the Lebanon War) - and that is the direction in which Mordechai's ambitions and talents lie. And he has never given the slightest indication that he possesses the intellectual capacity of a long-term defense strategist and a builder of Israel's military might, able to counter new strategic threats over the long term.

One hopes this drawback will be balanced out by the new National Security Council, which all previous prime ministers have rejected since its recommendation by the Agranat Commission after the Yom Kippur War.

The writer comments on public affairs.

## Sarraj: More than a friend

**S**EVERAL years ago at a meeting of Palestinian and Israeli human rights activists, I went on record as saying that once Israel left the West Bank and Gaza Strip the human rights situation there would deteriorate.

As an Israeli, I said, I didn't want to be the party violating the Palestinians' basic human rights: that was not only contrary to my humanitarian principles but ruinous to the fabric of Israeli society.

As a friend of the Palestinians, however, I felt the need to voice my fear that once Israel started to withdraw from the territories, as far as human rights in them were concerned, Palestinians should brace themselves for the worst.

If the worst means people being detained for criticizing their leaders' dictatorial methods and their total indifference to the basic human rights of those under their rule, then the worst has most certainly arrived.

The detention of Dr. Eyad Sarraj, a psychiatrist and neurologist from Gaza who also serves as Commissioner of the Independent Palestinian Committee on Human Rights in the Palestinian Authority, and rumors about his having been mistreated, are bad news for those who hoped that after years of having their basic rights trampled by a succession of foreign rulers the Palestinians would finally start seeing some light.

The original excuse for Sarraj's detention was that he had dared to criticize the PA in an interview he gave to the *New York Times*. Later he was accused of trafficking in drugs - clearly a totally bogus accusation.

### SUSAN HATTIS ROLEP

ANY leader who feels threatened by a man like Sarraj must either have a vision that is totally twisted, or be extremely insecure.

In the past it was the Israeli authorities who seemed eager to

### It's a black day when the PA jails one of the best and brightest Palestinians

meeting taking place. It was only through the intervention of the office of then defense minister Yitzhak Rabin that I was finally allowed to meet with Shifman-Ramot.

But this was all nothing compared to the situation today. Today it isn't just the freedom of an exceptional and genteel man that is at stake.

Even if he is finally released unharmed, will he be allowed to go on serving his community as a psychiatrist whose greatest concern is the future of what he terms "the lost generation of Intifada children?" (These are Palestinian children who grew up undernourished, without the discipline of parents or teachers, and lived through traumatic, infatigable related experiences.)

The writer is a political scientist.

## Wish vs. reality

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

**S**HOULD the Franklin Roosevelt memorial now going up near the Mall in Washington show Roosevelt in a wheelchair? The memorial designers think not. There will be three representations of FDR in stone, none acknowledging his disability.

This has aroused the protest of many, from disability activists to Roosevelt grandchildren to ordinary pundits. To airbrush out this central reality in FDR's life, they charge, is a historical travesty.

The weakness of the critics' case lies in its central premise: that FDR would have wanted himself portrayed in a wheelchair. Yes, they admit, he did not permit himself to be photographed in a wheelchair. Yes, he relentlessly, obsessively hid his condition from the American people. Yes, on occasion he even lied about it, as when he told an interviewer: "As a matter of fact, I don't use a wheelchair at all except a little kitchen chair on wheels to get about my room while dressing."

It is a nice argument. It is also nonsense. It posits that if FDR had not run for the presidency, but had remained a lawyer or taken some nonselective political position requiring no pandering to voters, he would have had no qualms about cruising through society in a wheelchair.

This is just plain wrong. FDR's extraordinary, arful contrivances were designed to hide his disability not just from voters, but from everyone. He concealed his paralysis not just for reasons of politics, but out of pride. He lived a life of fierce denial. Not once, for example, did he ever even discuss his paralysis with the person closest to him, his mother.

And when a man has over 35,000 pictures taken of him, of which exactly two show him in a wheelchair, you don't need to be a psychiatrist to figure that there is something more than political calculation at work here. And it was "it" - just the White House photographers who, in league with him, would police their own by "accidentally" knocking to the ground a camera that had captured FDR wheelchair-bound. Whenever FDR himself spotted someone taking such a picture, he would direct the Secret Service to the offender and they would expose the film.

It is absurd to claim that FDR would have wanted to be memorialized in stone in a manner that, in

## When is a wheelchair an impediment? When is it imposed on the memorial of a man who spent his life denying disability

real life, he would not even allow to be depicted in a photograph. That is why at the unveiling in London of a statue showing FDR standing, Eleanor Roosevelt noted how pleased she thought her husband would be to see himself so portrayed.

BUT monuments are not built just to make a person look the way he would have liked. They have other purposes. Such as, for example, raising consciousness about disability by showing that the greatest president of this century was seriously disabled.

This is a worthy purpose, not easily dismissed. Does it justify violating the self-image, the pride, the intentions of the man who is ostensibly being honored?

How to weigh the wishes against the facts? Acknowledge the facts. In some part of this multi-chambered memorial, FDR's wheelchair and braces ought to be displayed. The exhibit should say: Here is what he had to contend with, here is what he overcame, here is what he tried to make sure the world would never see.

But a statue of him sitting in a wheelchair? No. The fact is that FDR spent very little time in his wheelchair. He used it mostly to get from one place to another, then would transfer - into the back seat of his touring car, the front seat of the Ford he loved to drive, or the regular chairs he used in the Oval Office or at the dinner table. He should be shown sitting in one of those chairs. That is where he spent most of his life.

One does not memorialize a man by imposing on him an identity that he himself rejected. Better no memorial at all.

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# More parental wisdom

PARENTING  
RUTH MASON

DEAR mother-to-be,

I recommend the book *What to Expect the First Year* by Ariene Eisenberg, which covers all subjects from emotional to physical needs of the baby, mother and father.

2. Buy a Medela breast pump and consult lactation counselors in the hospital or volunteers (you can phone La Leche League for advice.) I went back to work when my baby was four months old, but I expressed milk during my lunch hours.

Even though I was away from home for 10 hours a day, I continued breast-feeding until my baby was 13 months old. It can be done, even though you might hear comments like "Still breast-feeding?" even after only three months.

3. Try to spend some time with your husband without your baby on a regular basis. My ex-husband left me when my son was less than a year old. The first year after a baby is born puts enormous stress on a marriage. (I'm not blaming the baby, but the first year of his life definitely brought marital problems to the surface.)

A marriage needs to be nurtured all the time; you don't stay in love without working on it. My ex and I were so absorbed in caring for the baby that we didn't realize our marriage was on the rocks until he was a few months old.

Name withheld by request

Dear Mother-to-be:

My reply to your letter on how to prepare for a first baby would be to find a good quality childbirth education program.

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The center has its head office in Haifa and our library is open for anyone to read from our books and journals. Many of our counselors also loan books from their personal libraries.

I shall be glad to speak to any readers needing this service and refer them to the counselors nearest to their homes.

Wendy Blumfeld,  
Honorary President, Israel Childbirth Education Center  
Tutor/Teacher National Childbirth Trust (UK)

Dear Mother-to-be:

Here are a few thoughts of mine. We have two children, aged eight and three, and one on the way.

1. Remember that children are not little adults. They are "works-in-progress." Keep your expectations at their level to better understand them. Patience is a key factor — the challenge is real but rewarding.

2. We don't use the "magic word," since there is no such thing. It holds no guarantees as far as we're concerned. We remind our kids to say the "nice word." It allows them to think for themselves about which word is appropriate and when.

3. Don't feel intimidated by all the outsiders' comments who will automatically receive. Just smile back and keep going in your own loving way.

4. Don't forget about your husband/partner. He may need as much attention as your baby. It is a change for him, too. Keep in mind that the plan is for you two to be together even after the kids have moved on.

Joyce Olshan

# Hebrew is not exactly a language for speed readers

ROBERT ALBERG

DO you feel you cannot read Hebrew as well as you'd like to? Well don't worry, because the truth is that nobody can read Hebrew as well as he ought. As well as English readers can read English, for instance.

Linguists have defined effective reading as rapid reading. If you have to read slowly, by the time you get to the end of one section of text you may have forgotten what was at the beginning.

Ever since Hebrew first became an everyday language 100 years ago, people have complained that they cannot read it as well as they would like. Most native Hebrew readers do not complain nowadays because they are not proficient in another language, and therefore cannot make the comparison.

The main shortcoming that has bothered so many readers is that Hebrew is printed without most of the "dots" that indicate vowels. We have added a few more letters here and there to try to overcome this — more yuds and vavs — but this has helped only slightly.

Some radical proposals have been broached. In 1962 members of the Hebrew Language Academy proposed creating two new letters to represent the sounds of the vowels "A" and "E". This was not accepted; it changed the whole look of the Hebrew page, and it made it difficult to recognize the roots of the word.

One man produced a Hebrew paper using Latin type but few people wanted to read it. Hebrew is an extremely "consonantal" language, and the introduction of many vowel letters makes it hard to recognize the root words.

The solution that most students of the problem have agreed upon is to print just a few vowel points — the

minimum necessary to indicate the required vowel sounds. But until recently this has been difficult, because setting type with vowel points has been cumbersome. But now new computers have made this feasible.

Together with several other researchers, I have been working on this problem. We have worked out a system of minimal vowel-pointing, which we intend to propose to the Hebrew Language Academy.

About one word in three can be read in two or more ways. Of course, one can decipher the correct reading by referring to the context, but this is the main drawback. The necessity of examining carefully the other words before or after a doubtful word is what slows up our reading considerably.

Linguists measure the reading of words or phrases in the hundredths of seconds. In English our eyes glide speedily over words or phrases because their pronunciation is definite.



Many Hebrew words can be read in seven ways, with seven different meanings. MSPR can be read as *mispar*, *msaper*, *mi-sefer*, *mi-sapar*, *mi-sfar*, *masper*, *mi-soper*.

There are three other reasons why reading Hebrew is slower than other languages. Firstly, prepositions are printed as the first letter of a word: "b", "t", "m", etc. "Bmor" can be read as "b mai" ("in May") or as "bamai" ("a stage director"). We propose a simple reform: to print these prepositions as separate words.

Secondly, Hebrew lacks capital letters. In English our eyes often search out the words with capital letters because names are of particular interest, or we are searching for a specific name. Or alternatively, we wish to skip over all the names or jump to the next sentence. Fortunately our computers can now enable us to print capitals in Hebrew.

Finally, many Hebrew letters resemble each other, and the eye must examine each one carefully and slowly.

In English there are some letters which are "ascenders" (above the line) while others are "descenders." In reading, our eyes always rest on the tops of the letters, and in English the great variety of shapes of the letters is enough to tell us what the letters are. But in Hebrew our eyes must examine both the top and the bottom of each letter, and this is a slower process.

Books which discuss this problem often demonstrate the difference by showing two sentences cut horizontally in the middle. The English sentence can be read easily by seeing only the top half, while in the Hebrew sentence this is very difficult.

We are working on a style of Hebrew type which can reduce this problem. Again, as in many other fields, the computer is making our life easier.

# Britain's snarled roads are swept by a wave of rage and frustration

## Britons become road monsters

### Traffic heading for 'nightmare scenario'

BRITAIN'S worst traffic is around London, on the M25. This circular highway makes urban American beltways seem like country roads; in the city itself the average speed of rush-hour traffic is 15 km/h, when moving at all.

Sitting at a sidewalk cafe in London — amid the racket and pollution — is the equivalent of sipping espresso by an expressway. Bicyclists look like extras in the movie *Outbreak*. They wear special breathing masks and plastic reflective clothing, and have strobe lights on helmets and pedals.

But the traffic is bad where you least expect it too: in once-placid towns like Cambridge, Oxford and Bath; in national parks; in the great moors of lore and legend, like Dartmoor, the setting in southwestern England for *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Any hound venturing into it today risks life and limb, according to a recent study, which said that some 300 sheep, ponies and cattle were run down and killed by speeding cars last year.

Few disagree that British traffic is out of hand. The solution of business and the government is more roads. They lobby and issue reports claiming that congestion is costing commerce billions of pounds a year.

Amid a horrendous Easter holiday period this year, with mammoth backups, the Royal Automobile Club declared that if something is not done, every week will be like Easter Week — "the nightmare scenario," as the RAC put it.

The solution of environmentalists is to stop road construction entirely. They marched on the Department of Transport in April, demanding a road-traffic reduc-



Traffic is bumper-to-bumper even in quiet little Bath.

(Fred Barth/Washington Post)

tion bill. The more militant among them build tree houses in the path of new highways and camp there in protest until removed by police.

Mass ownership of cars arrived much later than in America. At the beginning of the 1980s, there were roughly 281 cars and vans per 1,000 population. By the mid '90s, the figure had increased by 40 percent, to nearly 400 per 1,000. During that same period, ownership in the US increased by only 7 percent.

The US still has about five times the number of vehicles, but it also has 16 times the road mileage. And, whereas much of the US was built for cars, or rebuilt for them in the postwar years, most of

Britain's cities and towns have road patterns three or four centuries old.

There are few if any commuter lanes in Britain. Many cars still use leaded fuel. London's black taxis run on diesel and sound and smell like it. Public-transport fares have been rising all over Britain, while the quality of service, by all accounts, is declining.

Consider, for example, a visit to Bath. As you arrive at the station 90 minutes from London, for a brief moment you think you are in the country. From the window you can see a meandering canal, cyclists, even some horses, and narrow winding streets leading into the hills.

But when you try to cross the street from the station into the town, you can't move because of the traffic. When you try to conduct a conversation on the sidewalk, you can't hear. And if you try to photograph an old building, you can't get a shot that doesn't have a truck in it.

In tourist towns like Bath, dozens of tour buses jostle with the trucks and cars on narrow streets. Because Bath is geographically a kind of saucer — where the fumes from all this traffic tend to just sit there, waiting to be inhaled. And Bath was a spa town once thought to restore health.

(The Washington Post)

STOIC Britain, whose people are renowned for keeping a stiff upper lip under pressure, is in the grip of road rage.

Road rage, a term coined in the US, has increased in Britain in step with car ownership and the stress of modern life. But last month's fatal stabbing of a young man by another driver shocked many Britons.

Shaking his head in bemusement when another man cut in at traffic lights cost Stephen Cameron his life, his fiancée said. "I had to brake quite sharply. Steve was just shaking his head as if to say 'you idiot.' But he was joking more than anything," she added.

Hours after Cameron was killed, a 73-year-old motorist was beaten up by two men. He waved from his car to thank them for letting him into traffic but they saw it as a rude gesture.

A man was jailed for four years after deliberately driving over and killing the victim of an earlier hit-and-run accident.

Chauffeur Tony Heart was convicted of assault after he leapt from his limousine, banged a motorcyclist's head on the pavement in a frenzy, and throttled him until he was unconscious.

It seems the simple act of getting into a car can spark a Jekyll and Hyde-style transformation in some motorists. Cocooned in their cozy cars, drivers can undergo a complete personality change, psychologists say.

"Military training to kill involves the same dehumanizing process as driving. These are situations where people lose grasp of their core personality," says Conrad King, psychologist and consultant to the Royal Automobile Club.

Research suggests cases of road rage are on the increase as society becomes more competitive and burdened by stress.

"It's the price we pay for living in a technological society," RAC spokesman Edmund King said.

Nine out of 10 motorists claim to have been victims of road rage,

according to a survey by the Automobile Association.

Road rage encompasses a range of aggressive behavior, from honking the horn, headlight flashing, tail-dogging, and abusive gestures to actual physical attack.

Last year, according to the 1996 Lex Report on Motoring, there were 1.8 million cases of people being forced off the road and 500,000 incidents of cars being deliberately rammed.

"One problem is that everyone thinks they are the best driver on the roads," the RAC said.

Another reason for this sudden loss of the traditional British sangfroid is severe road congestion. With 21 million cars in use, roads are becoming choked with traffic. By 2020, the number of cars is expected to soar to 31 million.

London, where traffic regularly grinds to a halt during rush hour, is particularly prone to road rage outbreaks.

CAB DRIVER Colin Jones, 42, was convicted of assault after attacking the driver of a London sightseeing bus outside Buckingham Palace.

A motorcycle courier from London was jailed for three years after spraying ammonia into the eyes of a van driver and threatening to stab him to death.

Conrad King said he found in a personality study that people experienced much stronger feelings of aggression, extroversion, and paranoia when driving than in an office.

"Road rage can be a projection of a range of feelings, from a need to win, a desire for power, or a fear of inadequacy," King said.

Drivers can avoid losing control through effective stress management and journey planning, psychologists say.

The Automobile Association has issued a 10-point courtesy code to help motorists cope with their frustration. It tells people to keep calm and show restraint, writing, "Do not drive in a spirit of competition or retaliation."

The RAC says people convicted

of road attacks should undergo counseling before being allowed back behind the wheel.

Both organizations recommend having more police on the roads as the increasing substitution of camera technology is simply not an effective deterrent.

"They say the government should improve public transportation, particularly in congested cities, and set up a campaign to encourage driver awareness."

The government is widely expected to set out guidelines on attitudes to other drivers in a new edition of the motorist's Highway Code, which Britons preparing to take their driving test must learn by rote, including a section on "anti-confrontation."

Only five years ago, British police thought the section was unnecessary because road rage was a phenomenon limited to America. Among its suggestions, it is expected to advise drivers to acknowledge when they have made a mistake which might annoy other motorists and not to get out of their cars if threatened.

"If you are mentally prepared, you can avoid being the victim of other people's anger," says Andy Neale of the driver training group Drive and Survive. "Just don't get involved, that's our message."

(Reuter)

### Germans fine culprits

ROAD rage is nothing new for Germans, who have been used to such *Straassen War* for decades.

And just as German cars have to be faster, bigger and stronger than anyone else's, so it seems do their drivers. Germany has one of the worst road accident rates in Europe — 6,000 deaths and 300,000 injuries last year — many the results of road rage.

Enraged drivers regularly pull out guns and knives — and even brandish swords — to threaten or attack pedestrians or other motorists who they believe have got in their way.

In an effort to curtail the beatings, blindings and shootings, the German authorities have issued a series of point-related fines.

For each point accumulated the culprit is fined one day of his or her salary. Soaking out your tongue nets you five points. You are awarded 10 points for raising your middle finger in a threatening manner; for shouting an abusive term such as *Schweinhund* or *Scheisse*; or for spitting at another driver.

"We recognize that the criminal acts often begin with more minor gestures and we want to put a halt to such unacceptable behavior," said a German transport spokesman.

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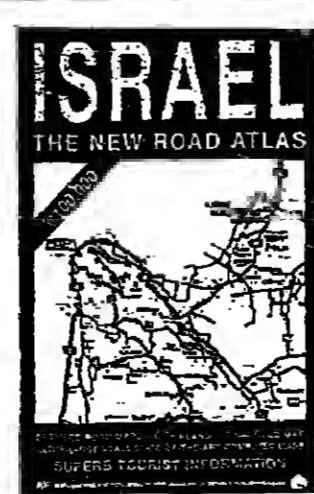
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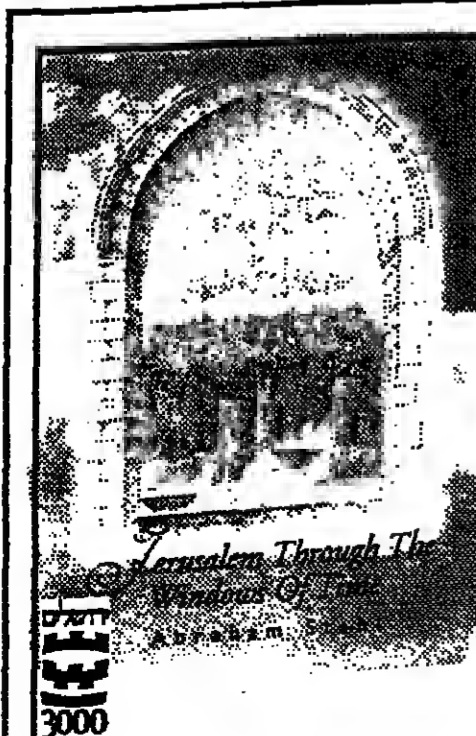
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Jerusalem Post Staff

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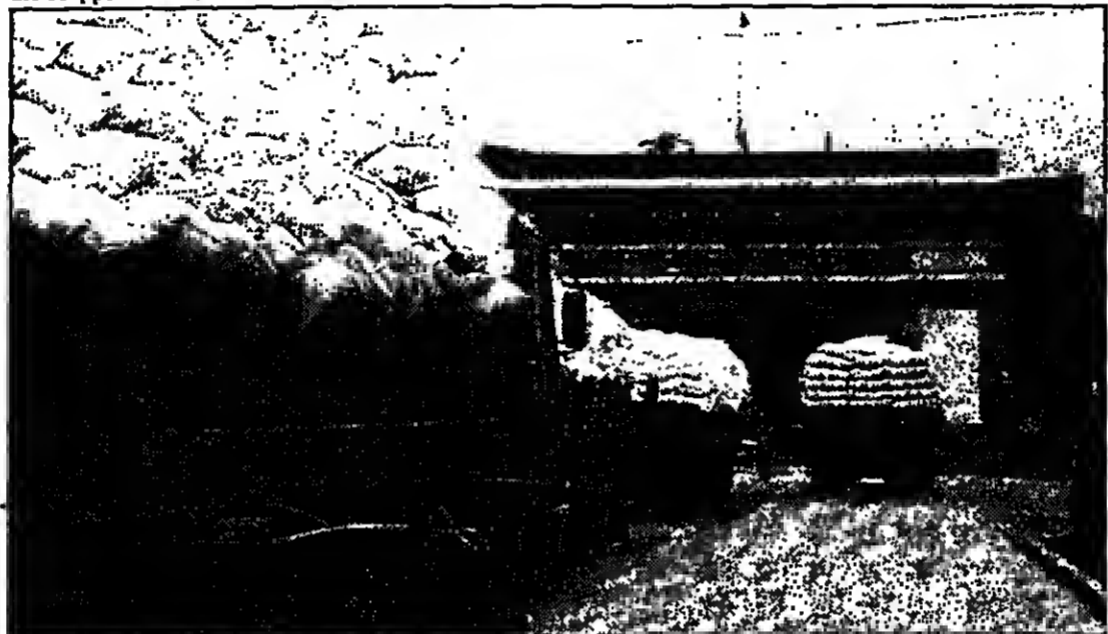
As for the new council, it is unclear what its duties, clout and composition would ultimately be, but Treasury sources said some fear it might generate friction among officials, if it is to be bestowed some power.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu abandoned his original intention to transfer the budget department from the Treasury to the Prime Minister's Office, a move which would have deprived the ministry of its main source of power, and reportedly would have made Meridor reject the offer to head it.

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DAVID HARRIS

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Uncertainty about new finance minister affects market

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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Two-Sided Index

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THE stock market closed little changed after two days of gains, as investors were unsure who would fill the post of finance minister. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu named Dan Meridor to the post only after the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange had closed for the day. Investors were waiting for the final announcement, said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zaxner Securities. The Maof Index rose 0.17 percent to 217.15 and the Two-Sided Index rose 0.27% to 205.93. 989 shares trading, more than twice as many rose as fell. Some NIS 5.6 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 46.5m. below Monday's level, and about NIS 1.5m. below last week's average trading level. Declining shares included Bezeq, which was the most active share on the exchange, falling 0.75% as NIS 2.4m. shekels worth of shares changed hands. Teva closed unchanged. In early trading in New York, Teva's ADRs rose 1/4 to 43 3/4. (Bloomberg)

FTSE closes slightly lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - UK shares lacked direction during early trade, after disappointing PSBR figures failed to inspire a reaction from the gilt market. The FTSE 100 closed down 5.1 at 3,756.4. FRANKFURT - The boose ended slightly higher after a session undermined by the faltering dollar and dominated by selective buys ahead of a key DAX options and futures expiry later this week. The DAX index, which measures 30 blue chip stocks in three hours of floor trading, ended up 3.17 points at 2,549.29 after remaining in a tight range for the second day running. Post-bourse electronic change saw little change, and the IBIS DAX index ended at 2,555.81 points.

TOKYO - Fueled by steady purchases of blue chips, stocks hit their closing high for 1996. The underlying bullish sentiment also helped scandal-hit Sumitomo Corp shares recover a little after Monday's plunge. The 25-share Nikkei average ended at 22,332.40, up 87.02 points, or 0.39 percent.

HONG KONG - Shares ended well-up, buoyed by the resolution of the Sino-US dispute over copyright protection, but activity was subdued. The blue-chip Hang Seng index rose 87.79 points, or 0.81 percent to close at 10,952.78.

SYDNEY - Shares made solid gains as industrial firms for the whole session and resource issues built on early cautious gains encouraged by the stable copper price in London on Monday. The All Ordinaries index closed 20.8 points up at 2,228.3.

JOHANNESBURG - Industrial shares ended robust but off their best levels after being tossed to and fro in volatile futures-related activity. Dealers said activity was driven largely by jobbers and large, aggressive foreign players, with local institutions mostly avoiding the fray. The overall index ended 3.1 points up at 6,822.9, the industrial index was up 44.2 points at 8,147.2 but the gold index lost 28 points to 1,777.9.

NYSE stocks close down 27 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks turned lower with bonds yesterday as a tame report on new housing construction failed to inspire investors about the prospects for steady inflation and interest rates. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 26.97 points to close at 5,625.81. The blue-chip barometer, which held a slight gain until mid-afternoon, again traded in the narrow range that has characterized the indecisive mood of the past week.

Broader measures were lower too, although not as sharply as the Nasdaq composite index, which dipped below 1,200 for the first time since early May. Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a margin of almost 7-to-6 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,102 up, 1,273 down and 804 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 367.0 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 298.3 million in the previous session. The NYSE's composite index fell 1.34 to 355.58, and the Standard and Poor's 500-stock index fell 3.10 to 662.06. The Nasdaq composite index fell 21.70 to 1,185.93, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 1.54 to 588.99.

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# England makes Orange crush

LONDON — England crushed the Netherlands 4-1 at Wembley last night, a sensational result which almost sent the fancied Dutch out of Euro 96.

Two goals each from Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham allowed England to finish top of Group A and only a late strike by substitute Patrick Kluivert saved the Netherlands from an ignominious exit.

Scotland beat Switzerland 1-0 in Birmingham thanks to an Ally McCoist goal in the other group A match to finish level on points with the Dutch and with the same goal difference.

But the Netherlands went through by scoring 3 goals in the tournament to 1 for the Scots.

In Group B action last night, France beat Bulgaria 3-1 and Spain topped Romania 2-1.

In Saturday's quarter-finals, England will meet Group B runner-up Spain at Wembley and the Netherlands will play Group B winner France at Anfield.

All the weeks of controversy, criticism and scandal surrounding the England team were forgotten in a memorable night of skill and scoring as England scored three goals in a 10-minute second half spell to crush the Dutch spirit.

At one stage, it looked as if the Dutch, champions in 1988 and one of the favorites, were going out. The Scots appeared to be headed for the quarter-final for the first time in their history as their 1-0 victory over the Swiss put them ahead in group points.

But Kluivert's 72nd-minute goal with his team 4-0 down, meant the Dutch went through instead on the basis they had scored more goals than the Scots, three instead of two.

Shearer fired England ahead from the penalty spot after 21 minutes and Sheringham headed the second six minutes into the second half. Shearer made it 3-0 in the 56th and Sheringham drove home No. 3 after Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar had failed to hold Darren Anderson's shot.

Shearer raced to the top of the tournament scoring list with four goals after going 20 months without scoring for the national team.



**FIRST BLOOD** — Alan Shearer (r) gets off a pass as the Netherlands' Winston Bogarde gives chase. Shearer scored England's first goal on a 1st-half penalty shot. (Reuter)

The busy Ince was sent somersaulting by a Danny Blind's trip and the Dutch sweeper was shown the yellow card.

Gnelkuper von der Sar guessed right for the spot kick but Shearer's shot had too much power.

From that point there were chances at both ends as the game developed into a well-balanced, entertaining battle.

A smart Dutch buildup involving Dennis Bergkamp, Aro Winter and Peter Hoekstra ended with Clarence Seedorf's 25 yard shot which was just too high.

In the 30th minute, Paul Gascoigne's low free kick from the right was touched on by Ince to Sheringham whose 11-meter volley was straight at van der Sar. The only sour moment for an impressive England performance was Ince's second yellow card of the tournament which means he misses the quarter-final against Spain.

Paul Ince's foul on Dennis Bergkamp gave the Dutch a chance in the second minute but Richard Witschge's 25-yard (meter) free kick cleared the crossbar by two meters.

But it was England who almost went ahead in the seventh minutes when Aoderton crossed from the right and a first-time shot by Shearer was cleared off the line by Witschge, standing at the right hand post.

A tie would have both teams through and eliminated.

England's start made it clear there were no intentions of going for a tie (which would have assured both it and the Netherlands going through regardless of the outcome of the Scotland-Switzerland match) and the host nation took the lead in the 21st minute from the penalty spot.

After a slick Sheringham-Steve McManaman break from deep,

Today's matches  
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	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Netherlands	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Scotland	3	0	0	2	1	4	1
Switzerland	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

**Group B**

	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Spain	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Belgium	3	0	0	3	3	4	0
Romania	3	0	0	3	1	4	0

**Group C**

	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Czech Republic	2	1	1	0	2	3	4
Italy	2	0	1	1	3	3	1
Poland	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

**Group D**

	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Portugal	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Denmark	2	0	1	1	2	1	1
Turkey	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

# Sampras has tough road at Wimbledon

LONDON (Reuter) — Pete Sampras will have to negotiate a minefield if he is to extend his sequence of Wimbledon titles to four next week.

The world No. 1 and top seed received no favors from the draw yesterday with a host of explosive young giants of the serve-and-volley game waiting to ambush him along the way.

He should get by first opponent Richey Reneberg but then he must face the menacing frame of his conqueror in the third round of the Australian Open in January, Australian teenager Mark Philippoussis.

If Sampras manages to avenge that 6-4, 7-6, 7-6 defeat in the third round in Melbourne, he should readily beat any of the four men he could play in Round 3, Kris Gossens of Belgium, Zimbabwe's Byron Black, Karim Alami of Morocco or Slovak Karol Kucera.

Then another of the game's biggest men could await him in the form of Dutchman Richard Krajicek — who could certainly topple French seed Cedric Pioline a round earlier — with German Michael Stich and Croat Goran Ivanisevic also blocking his path.

The American will have to call on all the experience he gleaned at last month's French Open,

where he overcame an equally tough draw to reach the semifinals before his tank finally ran dry and he succumbed to eventual champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Steffi Graf, women's singles champion for six of the past eight years, has received a tougher draw than arch rival Monica Seles but is still an overwhelming favorite to add to her record.

Graf, who plays the up-and-coming Czech teenager Ludmila Richterova in the first round, has drawn Swiss 15-year-old Martina Hingis in the last 16.

Theo, if successful, Graf should face Jana Novotna — the Czech who led 4-1 in the third set against her in the 1993 final — in the quarter-finals.

Spain's Conchita Martinez, who won the title in 1994, should be Graf's semifinal opponent if she survives a tough draw to get that far.

Seles, making her first appearance at Wimbledon since 1992 when she lost to Graf in the final, has won nine Grand Slam titles but none at Wimbledon, where she has only played three times.

She lost in the last 16 in 1989 when only 15 and in the quarters in 1990 before going down 6-2, 6-1 to Graf in the 1992 final, perhaps her victim of all the criticism she received that year for

grunting on every shot. Then in April of 1993, she was stabbed in the back by a fan at a Hamburg tournament and it is her first Wimbledon since then.

Her first match is against American Ann Grossman, but Seles should have little difficulty in reaching the semifinals, where she should come up against last year's beaten finalist Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, the Spaniard who also lost to Graf in this month's French final.

- MEN**
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  2. Boris Becker, Germany
  3. Andre Agassi, Las Vegas
  4. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia
  5. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia
  6. Michael Chang, Henderson, Nev.
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  8. Jim Courier, Miami
  9. Thomas Enqvist, Sweden
  10. Michael Stich, Germany
  11. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa
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  15. Armand Briesci, France
  16. Cedric Pioline, France

- WOMEN**
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  2. Monica Seles, Sarajevo, Bosnia
  3. Conchita Martinez, Spain
  4. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Spain
  5. Anna Kournikova, Russia
  6. Jana Novotna, Czech Republic
  7. Chanda Rubin, Lafayette, La.
  8. Lindsay Davenport, Marina, Calif.
  9. Mary Joe Fernandez, Key Biscayne, Fla.
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  12. Kimiko Date, Japan
  13. Mary Pierce, France
  14. Amelie Mauresmo, South Africa
  15. Spilija Radonicic, Serbia
  16. Martina Hingis, Switzerland

# Yanks lose after tribute to Allen

NEW YORK (Reuter) — The flags flew at half mast over Yankee Stadium on Monday and the game began with a moment of silence, but New York could not deliver a victory on the night they paid tribute to Mel Allen, the Hall of Fame broadcaster and former "Voice of the Yankees" who died Sunday.

The Yankees nearly pulled out a win, but Dan Naulty got Bernie Williams to fly out with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth

inning as the Minnesota Twins won 6-3.

Joe Girardi singled in a run with two outs in the ninth and Paul O'Neill walked to load the bases. Naulty relieved Eddie Guardado and got Williams to fly out to the warning track in left field for his first career save.

Scott Aldred allowed a pair of runs over 6 1/2 innings to raise his record to 3-0 since joining the Twins from Detroit. Ramiro Mendoza (1-3) lost his third straight start for New York, giving up five runs and 10 hits in 4 1/2 innings.

The Twins scored three runs in the first and built the lead to 6-0 after six innings. Derek Jeter got the Yankees within 6-2 in the seventh with a two-run double.

Allen, who died at age 83, was saluted with a three-minute video of highlights in a career that included broadcasting 20 World Series, 24 All-Star games, 14 Rose Bowls and many other events.

Billboards outside Yankee Stadium, normally used for announcing upcoming games, read "Mel Allen, 1913-1996."

The Yankees will wear black arm bands on the left sleeves of their home and road uniforms for the rest of the season in Allen's memory.

Services for the broadcaster, born Melvin Allen Israel, are scheduled for today at Temple Beth El in Stamford, Connecticut.

Oakland 8, Detroit 4 (10) Terry Steinbach lifted Oakland to victory in most dramatic fashion when he belted his seventh career grand slam with one out in the top of the 10th inning.

Rafael Bourquain and Jason Giambi began the 10th with singles against Mike Myers (0-4). Tony Lovo reached safely on a hunt to load the bases and Steinbach smacked a 3-1 pitch from reliever Gregg Olson into the left-field stands for his 10th home run of the season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Mets 7, Pirates 6 (10) Lance Johnson homered among his three hits, stole two

bases and scored the winning run in the 10th inning as New York blew a six-run lead before rallying to beat the hosts.

Jeff Kent also homered as the Mets opened a 6-0 lead in the second inning before holding off a Pirates comeback, keyed by Mark Johnson's two-run pinch-hit homer and Charlie Hayes' two-run triple in a five-run seventh.

Giants 1, Marlins 0

Oswaldo Fernandez gave up two hits in 7 1/2 innings and Barry Bonds hit his 19th home run for the San Francisco.

Fernandez (4-0), whose spot in the rotation appeared to be in jeopardy after going 0-5 in his last eight starts, got his first win since April 21.

Braves 9, Padres 3

Greg Maddux ended a month-long winless drought with a four-hitter over eight innings.

Maddux (6-2), pitching to someone other than catcher Javy Lopez for the first time this season, had two losses and three no-decisions since his last victory on May 17. He walked none and struck out eight.

Maddux, who lost his shutout bid in the top of the sixth on Tony Gwynn's two-out RBI single, pitched to backup catcher Eddie Perez, who made his 15th start this year.

Expos 5, Rockies 3

Shane Andrews homered twice and Ugueth Urbina won his fourth straight decision as host Colorado's six-game winning streak came to an end.

Andrews went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs for the Expos, who have won five of their last six.

MONDAY'S NL RESULTS: New York 7, Pittsburgh 6 (10)

San Francisco 1, Florida 0

Atlanta 9, San Diego 7

Houston 5, Cincinnati 4

Montreal 5, Colorado 3

Los Angeles at Chicago (ppd)

MONDAY'S AL RESULTS: Oakland 8, Detroit 4 (10)

Minnesota 6, New York 4

Milwaukee 5, Kansas City 4

California 5, Chicago 5 (13)

Texas at Baltimore (ppd)

# Malone pallbearer at funeral of befriended leukemia victim

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — Danny Ewing, a 13-year-old leukemia victim who had been befriended by Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone, has been buried at Valley View Memorial Park.

The North Salt Lake youth died Friday. He had referred to Malone as "my angel" and said Malone "helped brighten my life."

Malone was a pallbearer at the funeral Monday. The service was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Lewis, the Jazz team chaplain.

Malone and his wife, Kay, became acquainted with the boy last summer during a visit to Primary Children's Medical Center.

Malone was told May 30 that the boy had only weeks to live and he arranged for Ewing to attend that night's Game 6 of the NBA Western Conference Finals.

Ewing, wearing a Jazz cap and T-shirt, got a big hug and a uniform jersey from Malone outside the locker room, then sat in his wheelchair in the front row as Malone began his postgame news conference.

"It's a sort of hittersweet win because you have people who touch your life throughout this," Malone said. "All of a sudden you find out certain things, and I have a friend who's not doing too well right now, so this win is for him."

Malone and his wife established a Danny Ewing Memorial Fund. After paying funeral expenses, the money will go to young cancer patients.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

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# Amnesty blasts Israel, PA on human rights

## 'PA guilty of torture'

EVELYN GORDON

TORTURE, unfair trials and extrajudicial murders characterized the Palestinian Authority's justice system, according to Amnesty International's report for 1995.

This report is included as part of Amnesty's report on Israel, because Israel is still technically the sovereign power in these areas.

"I would define this as a sharp report," said Orna Rabinovitch-Pundak, who heads Amnesty's Israeli chapter.

The report found that torture was carried out by members of the PA security services, and four people died in custody "in circumstances suggesting that torture may have contributed to their deaths." A fifth died when a gun was fired during an interrogation.

One of the victims was Salmaan Jalaytah, who was reportedly "denied food, beaten repeatedly with cables and given electric shocks." He died three days after being arrested, but his death was never investigated, the report said.

"Methods of torture included severe beatings, electric shocks, prolonged standing in painful positions, burning with cigarettes and suspension from the ceiling," the report stated.

Furthermore, it was not only residents of the PA who suffered from these methods, Amnesty said. "Scores of Palestinians from the West Bank outside the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority were taken from their homes and tortured and ill-treated by members of the Palestinian security services in Jericho," the report said.

The report also found that the PA's state security court, set up in February 1995, sentenced 40 people in trials which were "grossly unfair."

"Trials were held in secret, often in the middle of the night," the report said. "...defense lawyers, who normally worked for the security services, were appointed by the court. Relatives were informed of charges and trials only after hearings had taken place."

"Extrajudicial punishments such as kneecapping were reportedly carried out by members of Palestinian security services ... and by members of groups allied to the PLO, such as the Fatah Hawks," the report continued. "At least four Palestinians from the West Bank were deliberately and arbitrarily killed, reportedly by members of the Palestinian Authority's security forces or individuals from armed groups allied to the PLO."

The report also noted that the PA arrested more than 1,000 people, including human rights activists, journalists and members of groups opposed to the Oslo Accords. Most were released without charge within a few days, but some "were held without charge or trial throughout the year." Many, the report continued, were prisoners of conscience — such as Maher Alami, editor of *al-Quds*, who was detained for six days because he ran a story about Yasser Arafat on the eighth page of the paper instead of the first.

The report also scored a law passed last June which restricted freedom of the press, and the suicide bombings which killed more than 40 people last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE detentions and ill-treatment of Palestinian prisoners continued to lead Amnesty International's list of Israeli human rights violations last year.

The organization's report on 1995 noted that more than 600 administrative detention orders were issued against Palestinians, in addition to two against Jews. Furthermore, the maximum period of detention was increased from six months to a year in February 1995.

"During appeals, which usually took place several weeks after arrest, detainees and their lawyers were not provided with important information about the reasons for their detention," the report added.

There were also more than 200 detainees held in the Israeli-controlled security zone in Lebanon, and another 70 Lebanese and foreign nationals held in administrative detention in Israel, the report said. This latter figure includes people such as Mustafa Dirani and Sheikh Obeid, considered by Israel to be leading Hizbullah terrorists. In addition, the report said, there were 17 Lebanese who were held even after completing a court-imposed prison sentence.

"Palestinian detainees continued to be systematically tortured or ill-treated during interrogation by the General Security Service (GSS), often while being held incommunicado," the report continued. "Methods that were routinely used included hooding, prolonged sleep deprivation (usually while standing or sitting shackled

in painful positions), beating, shaking, and confinement to cup-board-sized rooms."

The report in particular cited the case of Abdel Samad Harizat, who died as a result of being shaken during a GSS interrogation. It said that though an investigation found that Harizat was shaken 12 times in as many hours, criminal charges were not brought against the agents responsible. It also noted that the ministerial committee which oversees the GSS continued to renew the GSS's permit for shaking even after Harizat's death.

"Detainees were frequently denied access to lawyers for up to 30 days and to relatives for up to 140 days," the report added. "Confessions obtained under duress were often the main source of evidence against detainees."

The report also charged that some Palestinians had been shot by security forces "in circumstances suggesting that they had been extrajudicially executed." One such case cited in the report was Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shkaki, who was assassinated by unknown attackers in Malta.

"Those responsible for past human rights violations continued to enjoy virtual impunity," the report continued, citing the case of an Israeli colonel who shot and killed a 14-year-old Palestinian girl. A military court found him guilty of causing her death through failure to exercise proper caution, but he received only a six-month suspended sentence.

Other items cited in the report

included the demolition of suspected terrorists' houses, the imposition of prison sentences on Israelis who refuse to do military service, the fact that 4,000 Palestinians convicted of security offenses continue to be held in prison, the continued holding of convicted traitor Mordechai Vanunu in solitary confinement, and the fact that convicted spy Avraham Klingberg "remains seriously ill" in prison.

For the first time, the report also contained a section on arms sales to countries which violate human rights. The report found, for instance, that Rwandan government groups responsible for the genocide in that country obtained arms from Israel, among other countries. Orna Rabinovitch-Pundak, head of Amnesty's Israeli chapter, said that electric shockers made in Israel are being used in China, and Uzi submachine guns and Galil assault rifles are often used by armed insurrectionists in Africa and South America.

In most cases, Rabinovitch-Pundak said, insurrectionist groups obtain Israeli weapons via third parties, and the electric shockers were apparently sold by a private firm. However, she said, Amnesty wants legislation passed to tighten supervision of both private and public exports, to ensure that arms or instruments of torture do not reach terrorist groups or governments via third parties.

"One shocker with 'Made in Israel' stamped on it destroys years of diplomatic work," she said.

## Israel, Turkey to conduct joint naval exercises

ISRAELI Navy ships will visit ports in southern Turkey early next month as part of joint naval exercises, Turkey indirectly confirmed yesterday.

Asked to confirm media reports that Israel and Turkey are planning the exercises, Turkish Ambassador Barlas Ozener told Reuters, "When naval ships visit another country's ports, the two countries' ships usually spend some time together at sea."

Turkey's naval chief, Adm. Guven Erkaya, visited here last month. He met with his counterpart, Adm. Alex Tal, and held talks with Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

In a related matter, Turkey warned Arab countries yesterday

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against backing Syria's stance on the sensitive water issue at the Arab summit in Cairo this weekend, the Anatolian news agency reported.

Turkish Foreign Minister Emre Gonenasy sent a letter to his Arab counterparts warning them not to repeat a recent joint protest against Turkey over its use of water from the Euphrates River.

"Gonenasy stressed that such a decision would create the impression of an anti-Turkish front being formed in the Arab world," the agency said.

Egypt and six Gulf Arab states last December angered Turkey by urging it to sign an agreement with Damascus on sharing the water of the Euphrates, which rises in the mountains of eastern Turkey and flows into Syria and Iraq.

Meanwhile, a Turkish military official alleged on Monday that Syria was carrying out a small military build-up near its border with Turkey. Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam denied this and accused Ankara of a military build-up on its own side of the frontier.

Syria and Turkey have long been at odds over disputed border territory and Syria's alleged support for Kurdish rebels.

## Russia delays Jewish Agency decision

DAN IZENBERG and YOCHI DREAZEN

THE Russian government has postponed its decision on whether to allow the Jewish Agency to continue operating in its territory, a two-person Agency delegation reported yesterday.

According to outside observers, the postponement came as a relief to the Jewish Agency, which feared that President Boris Yeltsin might adopt a hard line against the Agency in order to bolster his chances in the current presidential election campaign.

Last month, the Jewish Agency submitted a formal request for recognition after the Russian government declared that it, along with many other foreign organizations, was no longer acting within the law. The Russian government was due to respond to the Agency's application on Saturday, the day before the election, but failed to do so.

A Jewish Agency spokesperson told *The Jerusalem Post* that the government would respond to the Agency's application "as soon as possible." But according to the observers, the Agency hopes that the decision will be put off until the second round of the presidential election so that it does not become a

campaign issue.

The controversy between Russia and Israel over the Agency began April 8, when the director of the Russian Council for Culture and Religion withdrew the agency's mandate, and the deputy minister of justice notified local authorities to curtail agency activities. Shortly afterwards, authorities stopped aliyah activities in the towns of Birobidjan and Piargorsk.

In response, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg wrote a letter of protest to Russian Justice Minister Kavitov Valentin. "The agency operates in dozens of countries," Burg wrote, "and it has never been subjected to such treatment."

On May 15, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Grigory Karasin said the agency's problems could be resolved if "the Jewish Agency shows readiness to abide by respective Russian laws and rules."

The following day, *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, a popular Moscow daily known for its ties to the Russian security services, blasted the agency for its aliyah activities, which "are akin to interference in Russia's internal affairs."

## Arutz 7 seeks land license

JUDY SIEGEL

THE pirate radio station Arutz 7 is hopeful that the new government will change the law to allow it to broadcast on land instead of from a ship outside the territorial waters. However, unless such a law is carefully constructed, it could lead to demands from pirate radio stations broadcasting from land to demand the same conditions.

Yoel Tsur, technical director of the settlers' radio station, said yesterday that after the government settles in, Arutz 7 would like to be allowed to broadcast nationally from its Beit El studios. Unlike several dozen pirate radio stations, Arutz 7 broadcasts outside the territorial limits, and thus is not violating the law.

"We are recognized but not official," Tsur said. "We are in full, but unwritten, coordination regarding frequencies with the Israel Defense Forces, the Communications Ministry and other authorities. However, if a bill legalizing on-land operations would cause difficulties with security or other matters, we would continue to broadcast from

the sea," Tsur said.

The Communications Ministry has tried to shut down many pirate stations in recent months. One station broadcasting in the Ben-Gurion Airport area caused such disruption in communications between aircraft and the control tower that the airport was shut down for several hours, but the violator was not caught by the police.

Ministry legal adviser Menahem Ohali said yesterday that existing laws allow only the Broadcasting Authority and Galei Zahal to broadcast radio nationally. In addition, the Second TV Channel and Radio Authority Law permits private companies that have won public tenders to broadcast on a regional basis. For Arutz 7 to begin broadcasting nationally from land, the law would have to be amended, but if not worded carefully, pirate stations broadcasting from land would demand the same privileges.

Permanently shutting down the pirate stations is very difficult, as transmitters can be purchased for

as little as NIS 10,000, and owners stay away, hiring young people willing to work for low wages. When someone is caught, the courts "say the problem is broadcast content rather than the security danger over stolen frequencies," so the fines are little more than NIS 1,000. Ohali said.

Legislators will also have to consider the fairness of allowing a pirate station to broadcast in competition with entrepreneurs who won franchises and invested much money in their operations, Ohali added.

Tsur maintained that Arutz 7 was "not competing with regional radio stations, which play rock music and use vulgar language. Our listeners tune in to hear Hebrew news and Torah lectures."

Arutz 7 has begun a fund-raising campaign through the mails, asking listeners to donate NIS 600, NIS 400 or a smaller sum to keep the station running. Although commercial firms advertise on the station, the costs of running the ship are very high, said Tsur, and don't cover all expenses.

## This year's Arad Festival to be smaller

THIS year's Arad Festival, scheduled for August 6-8, will be more modest than in previous years — if it is held at all, organizers said yesterday. They added that, should the festival not be held this year, it would never be held again.

Festival director Nahum Langsam told a Tel Aviv press conference that, in light of last year's tragedy when three young people were trampled to death by the crowd, it was decided not to hold large events nor to use the stadium.



A Jerusalem passerby yesterday views the newly installed plaque honoring the late Mordechai Gur, on the street bearing his name near the Old City's Lions Gate. The municipality placed bars to protect the plaque after it was defaced recently. It commemorates the 1967 breakthrough to the Old City by paratroopers commanded by Gur. (Brian Heister)

## Road sabotage returns

EVELYN GORDON

A board with nails was placed on the Trans-Samarian highway yesterday to damage passing cars, a form of sabotage which settlers say has not been seen since the intifada.

David Elhayan, a spokesman for the Jordan Valley settlements, said one of the residents of the valley was traveling to Ariel at around 9:30 a.m. when two of his tires were suddenly punctured, a few kilometers from his destination. The traveler reported the event to the Ma'ale Ephraim police, and was told that his was not the first complaint received that morning.

The police confirmed that a board with nails had been found on the highway, and said it had "clearly" been placed there intentionally. The police are investigating the incident.

This happened during the intifada, but not [recently], he said. "We hope we aren't returning to the days of the intifada."

## Lebanon condemns Israel's arrest of journalist

DAVID RUDGE

Marjayoun, where he was arrested and taken to Israel for interrogation.

The IDF Spokesman confirmed earlier this week that Dia had been detained for questioning. Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Boutros strongly denounced what he termed an "unjust and terrorist act" by Israel against a member of the press.

The Lebanese Information Minister said Israel's action also effected residents living in the security zone and their work there. He vowed to do everything in his power through international organizations to secure Dia's release.

Hizbullah, meanwhile, issued a statement categorically denying that Dia was collaborating with the fundamentalist Islamic organization. The Hizbullah statement said the incident was a "desperate attempt by Israel to cover its ugly crimes."

A statement issued by the

### WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with seasonally comfortable temperatures.

Location	High	Low	Notes
Jerusalem	24-28	18-22	partly cloudy
Tel Aviv	26-30	20-24	partly cloudy
Beersheba	28-32	22-26	partly cloudy
Haifa	22-26	16-20	partly cloudy
Ramat Hashikma	24-28	18-22	partly cloudy
Dimona	30-34	24-28	partly cloudy
Ma'ale Adumim	26-30	20-24	partly cloudy
Be'er Sheva	28-32	22-26	partly cloudy
Netanya	24-28	18-22	partly cloudy
Yotvata	32-36	26-30	partly cloudy
Arad	30-34	24-28	partly cloudy
Dimona	30-34	24-28	partly cloudy
Beer Sheva	28-32	22-26	partly cloudy
Yotvata	32-36	26-30	partly cloudy
Arad	30-34	24-28	partly cloudy
Dimona	30-34	24-28	partly cloudy
Beer Sheva	28-32	22-26	partly cloudy
Yotvata	32-36	26-30	partly cloudy
Arad	30-34	24-28	partly cloudy
Dimona	30-34	24-28	partly cloudy

### AROUND THE WORLD

Location	High	Low	Notes
Alexandria	28	22	partly cloudy
Bahia	26	20	partly cloudy
Buenos Aires	24	18	partly cloudy
Cairo	28	22	partly cloudy
Cebu	26	20	partly cloudy
Dakar	24	18	partly cloudy
Geneva	26	20	partly cloudy
Hankow	24	18	partly cloudy
Harbin	22	16	partly cloudy
Hong Kong	26	20	partly cloudy
Jakarta	26	20	partly cloudy
London	24	18	partly cloudy
Los Angeles	26	20	partly cloudy
Manila	26	20	partly cloudy
Medan	26	20	partly cloudy
Montevideo	24	18	partly cloudy
Osaka	26	20	partly cloudy
Paris	24	18	partly cloudy
Shanghai	26	20	partly cloudy
Singapore	26	20	partly cloudy
Tokyo	26	20	partly cloudy
Yokohama	26	20	partly cloudy

### Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, king of hearts, nine of diamonds and jack of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 25, 35, 40, 22, 5, 38 and the additional number was 17.

## US Navy testing Rafael system

STEVE RODAN

THE US Navy is testing a new weapon by Rafael as part of an evaluation of new systems for deployment on navy and coast guard vessels, defense industry executives said yesterday.

Rafael's product is called the Typhoon Stabilized Naval Weapons System, a lightweight weapon designed for patrol boats and other navy vessels to improve the accuracy of machine gun fire.

The Rafael system is being marketed by Lockheed Martin. The US defense contractor has received a US Navy contract to test and evaluate the system.

The tests will be conducted in the next several weeks at the US Navy Panxent River test facility. The Typhoon will be evaluated against a range of surface and air threats.

Lockheed executives, which is providing on-site support for the US Navy tests, said the Typhoon has been demonstrated with several Lockheed weapons, including the GAU-19/A .50 caliber Gating gun and the M242 chain gun.

During a recent evaluation for the Israel Navy, executives said, the Rafael system demonstrated an overall hit probability of 100 percent during day and night trials for both the Gating and chain guns.

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